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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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Number 1

14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new chapter in our church's life. Trained and schooled in a Christian approach to daily living, there will be a number of our members who will try to present and challenge our people to join in deepening our spiritual life. At the heart of this Mission is a visit by a worker trained to make this visit. At the heart of the visit is a Spiritual Life Covenant Card which the visitor presents for the consideration of the member who is challenged to observe the holy habits of church attendance, grace at meals, family devotions, daily Bible reading, daily prayer, tithing, inviting others, serving in Church, living for Christ.

For the workers and our people we solicit the prayers of all that our church may be more Christian in outlook and life, and more nearly fulfill the purpose of Christ's Church in our modern world.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M. Offertory Solo: "The Raising of Lazarus" by Davis
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Miss Helen Flaig, Contralto
Anthem: "Brother James' Air" Jacob
Miss Helen Flaig, Directing
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Vital Religion, A Study in Prayer"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Church School goal is REGULARITY in attendance. The Young Married group has been re-activated and will meet this Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson are co-chairman sponsors. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. James Young and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith are hosts and hostesses for Sunday.

Reminder: Invite someone to attend Church School with you.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Ethel Allen, 1320 Jackson St. for a carry-in dinner, Monday evening, October 10. Devotions and Study will follow the dinner. The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming, Monday evening, October 10 at 8 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. D. C. Smith, Leader Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 16—Men's Forum, A. T. Linley speaker.
Oct. 20—All Church Dinner. F. E. Davison, speaker.

Philippine Chapel Becomes a Modern Parable For Missionary Man

To the eye, there is an ugly chapel nestled on a narrow plain between the China Sea and the mountains in northern Luzon island in the Philippines. The windows are not of the same size or style, and the walls are in sections made of at least three kinds of wood. To missionary Norwood B. Tye, it was, at first sight, a lesson in lack of cooperation!

The chapel replaced one demolished by a typhoon, yet when they planned to rebuild, the Christians found neither the church nor they themselves had enough money to pay carpenters to do the job. So, they assigned sections to various families to build. Using whatever materials were available, the sections were built, brought together at the site and the chapel erected. Here, concluded Mr. Tye in awe, is a good story—a real parable!

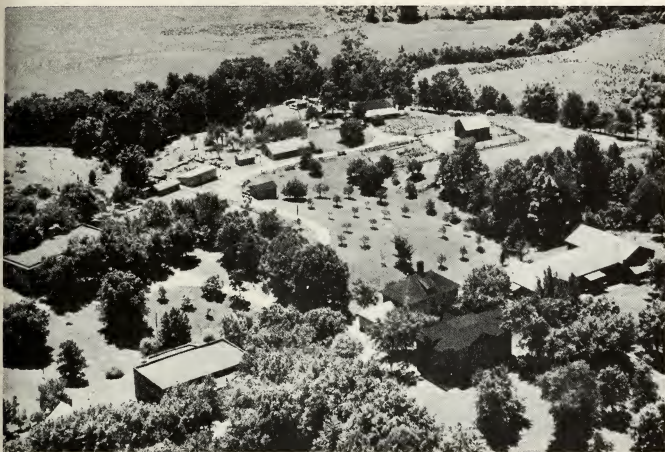
Stop Liquor Advertising Welfare Leader Urges

Americans spend \$200,000,000 a year to advertise alcoholic beverages, which on the other hand have created the fourth worst menace to public health in the nation, writes Barton Hunter referring to facts given by Dr. Andrew C. Ivy. The advertising of liquor is one of the appeals that starts the drinking habit, moderate or otherwise, Mr. Hunter says in the March, 1955, issue of the *Social Action News-Letter*. He is the head of the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society.

To help curb the problem at its base, Mr. Hunter says persons can effectively write letters protesting liquor advertising in newspapers. Circulation managers, editors and publishers are quite sensitive to reactions expressed by readers. To them, he points out, almost anyone can make his concern felt whether writing with a group or alone.

Well established congregations like that of the church at Laoag, Luzon, in the Philippines, shown at left, have a missionary zeal. Undaunted by the terrain, they help to establish Christian groups and chapels in the mountains like this one at Langnao, at right.





Hazel Green Academy this year observes 100 years of service to people living in the mountainous area of eastern Kentucky. The academy is supported by Christian churches.

— News in Brief —

Mr. James Ballinger leaves the United States in July to go to England where he will help establish the first summer church conference for youth of brotherhood churches there. He is associate youth work director for The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Eureka College, a Christian Church-related college at Eureka, Ill., recently graduated its one hundredth annual senior class.

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M. A. Thomas of the Mar Thoma Church of India has been secured to address the 1955 Disciples Student Fellowship Ecclesia, Aug. 28-Sept. 3, at Epworth Forest, North Webster, Ind.

Fourteen Members of Christian Churches Are In U. S. Congress

There are 14 members of Christian Churches in the current eighty-fourth Congress of the United States, according to Ralph C. Neill, director of public relations for the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. They represent 12 states.

The list includes four senators: Earl C. Clements of Ky.; Wm. J. Fulbright, Ark.; Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas; and Harley M. Kilgore, W. Va. In the House of Representatives are Charles E. Bennett of Fla.; Mrs. Edith Greene, Ore.; Ralph Harvey, Ind.; Chet Holifield, Calif.; Paul C. Jones, Mo.; E. P. Scrivner, Kas.; Victor Wickersham, Okla.; W. R. Hull, Mo.; Bruce Alger, Texas; and Charles Vursell, Ill.

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C.Y.F. ROUND-UP

C.Y.F. Round-up was a great success. Our High School young people with Western hats and western atmosphere, enjoyed an evening of fun and inspiration. Adults taking part were David Griggs leading in folk games. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harman presenting a preview of the program in Western style. John Baughman gave a word of welcome. The Friendship Circle was led by the pastor. Miss Martha Beck, president, presided. The treasurer, Miss Marilyn Stigers, acted as collector of fees. Miss Kay Baughman is Vice-President, Miss Nancy Hill is the secretary. All the older members planned carefully to make the guests and new members feel welcome. The Chuck wagon with food proved popular. Mrs. John Baughman and Mrs. Robert T. Beck assisted with the food. The meeting ended by presentation of Religious sound movie.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Charles Cook is a patient in Room 162, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Rowena Hostman is ill at her home, 1129 Spy Run Ave.

Mrs. Alice Varner is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. R. Blaine Jones is recuperating from an illness at his home.

We were happy to see Mrs. Eva Mosier back in the choir after being out for several weeks due to a fall.

OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER 2

General Account	\$ 542.27
Building Fund Account	463.50
Church School	44.78
Church School (refund)	14.50

TOTAL.....\$1,065.05

USE OUR PARKING LOT

"Use Our Parking Lot", is good advice. We have a lot of room west of the Church; stone has been placed here. We need more stone to enlarge this. Those interested are asked to leave donations for stone at the office or with J. Hugh Tracey.

In addition, space South of our lot has been concreted.

With another \$250 the remainder of the Parking Lot area could be practically completed.

NEW SHRUBS

Beautiful new shrubs have been planted by the Chi Rho Class which is taught by Charles Hobbs. The shrubs were donated by the Young Nursery on the Lower Huntington Road. We appreciate all this good work.

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

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| <p>1</p> <p>Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you,"
And then treat us just that way?</p> <p>2</p> <p>Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp, warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance,
"I know something good about you."</p> <p>5</p> <p>Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking too?
You know something good about me,
"I know something good about you."</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?</p> <p>4</p> <p>Wouldn't life be far more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.</p> |
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—Anonymous



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14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st

Dr. George W. Crane who has a column in the Journal Gazette tells the story of a village carpenter in Indiana. This carpenter named Jim, was not an orator, a soloist, or couldn't do well in the visitation evangelism, but every Sunday morning would see him promptly on his way to church around 9:15. People could set their clocks by Jim. He went to church every Sunday come rain, blizzard or shine.

One of the so-called "wild" young fellows at the village tavern was once heard to remark, "If I ever become a Christian, I want to be like old Jim." Next Easter this young man did join church. And what made the change? The positive example of loyal old Jim who plodded down the street each Sunday around 9:15. No wonder Dr. Crane says, "Your feet can preach."

Come to Church loyally. All of us have more influence than we think.

Use it for Christ and His Church.

BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: Selected

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"—German Melody

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

SERMON: "A God That Is Real"Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

BECOME MORE IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL BY EARLY ARRIVAL

The Young Married group had a wonderful attendance Sunday. Bring your baby, leave it in the nursery. Have a cup of coffee; enjoy other young married people; hear a good lesson. Come to Church—that is the way—make and keep your home a Church home.

THERE'S A JOY FOR YOU at Church School. **BE THERE.**

SPIRITUAL MISSION

The Spiritual Mission is under way. This is a great piece of work. Many homes have been visited. Make your home a covenanted Church home.

Jarvis College Begins Adult Self-Help Plan

Jarvis Christian College, which is affiliated with Christian Churches and located at Hawkins, Texas, is one of two centers for a new fourteen and a half million-dollar education program. In part, the plan was developed to cope with the needs of share-croppers, cotton pickers and other persons who have lost jobs to machines. To have an income, they must learn new skills to employ.

Called "fundamental education," the plan is aimed at overcoming poverty, illness and ignorance. By relating an individual's initiative and skills to community resources and needs, fundamental education is expected to result in improving both local and personal conditions.

From the beginning, Dr. Cleo W. Blackburn, a Disciples of Christ minister, has been a leading planner of the project to help people help themselves. On the 22-member Board of Fundamental Education, a private non-profit organization of business, education and church leaders, are four Christian church men including Dr. Blackburn, who is now director of the program. The others are William H. Book, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce ex-

Artists and Preachers Exchange Their Ideas

Professional leaders in architecture, drama, art, literature, music and ways of worship have organized with national church leaders to exchange ideas. The new Christianity and the Arts Associates which was formed expect the exchanges to benefit both religious and professional expressions in these fields of mutual interest.



—Black Star Photo

Machines are taking over a share-cropper's work. What will a man do then for a living?

ecutive; A. Dale Fiers, United Christian Missionary Society president; and Harry T. Ice, Indianapolis lawyer. Dr. Emory Ross of New York City is a consultant for the spiritual motivation of the program.

The multi-million dollar budget is for a five-year development. While a rural life phase is beginning at Jarvis Christian College, a city phase is being initiated in Indianapolis. To help factory workers, laborers and others in low and uncertain social and economic conditions, it operates from Flanner House, a welfare center and former mission institution of Christian Churches.

The Board of Fundamental Education is one of three organizations chartered by Congress in the past 10 years while it has rejected applications for federal charters by some 600 other groups.

— News in Brief —

Thirty-six American missionaries are expected to attend the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) being held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 16-21.

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A Joint Commission on Campus Christian Life is being created to expand the ministry of Disciples of Christ to college students.

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Missionary to Paraguay, Paul Andress will become director of the mission school, Colegio Internacional, in the capital city of Asuncion beginning with the 1956 school year.

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May 4-6, the annual meeting of the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches was held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Puerto Rican Christians Meet in Neighborhood "Upper Room" Worship

Neighborhood groups of the First Christian Church of San Juan, Puerto Rico, meet every Monday evening in homes to worship. The *Aposentos Altos*, or Upper Rooms, as the groups are called, meet personal needs for members scattered throughout the capital city. They are also spiritual havens against the taunts of anti-Protestants and pagans.

First Church has 12 Upper Rooms meeting, and the programs are led by various members week by week. The groups, besides having vital worship and fellowship, are testimonies of Christian life in their neighborhoods.

Two former Upper Room groups have grown into congregations and are erecting their own buildings.

There is a surging in Puerto Rico in religious concern. Here the congregation of Hato Nuevo chapel crowd around out in front of the fine but outgrown building.



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MEN'S FORUM

Sunday evening, 5 to 7 P.M.

Dinner meeting with Mr. A. T. Lindley, Superintendent of Public Schools, will be guest speaker. Special music is being arranged. The Food Committee is: Frank C. Hill, Ralph Bogan and Harold Wells. Mr. John Baughman, acting president, will conduct the meeting.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming Ave., Monday evening, October 17. Devotions by Mrs. Donald C. Smith, Leader, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

ANNUAL HARVEST GATHERING

The Executive will meet in the Chapel Monday afternoon, October 17 at 1:15 P.M. The General meeting is scheduled for 2:00 o'clock. We will meet in the church parlor. The Dr. Dye Circle will give the devotions; the program is sponsored by the Department of Service, Mrs. Fred Wolff, Supt. of Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged, Marion, Indiana, will be the guest speaker. Gish Circle in charge of hospitality and refreshments by the Higdon Circle. You are reminded to bring your gifts of food or money to this meeting. As this is a church-wide program, others wishing to do so, may bring their gifts to the church next Sunday.

OCTOBER OFFERINGS TO DATE

General Account	\$ 991.78
Building Fund	953.25
Church School	89.79

TOTAL.....\$2034.82

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

	Last Sunday		A Year Ago	
	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Offering
Men's Class	8	\$2.75	5	\$ 1.50
Ladies' Bible Class	8	.90	5	.65
Friendly Class	14	3.45	12	1.00
Progressive	23	5.35	21	4.40
Come Double	42	12.45	33	5.75
Young Marrieds	19	2.00	10	2.60
High School	20	2.41	19	3.35
Junior High	17	2.14	5	.35
Upper Juniors	23	2.34	10	1.49
Lower Juniors	27	2.77	13	2.02
Primary	23	1.49	13	1.28
Kindergarten	26	2.14	20	1.83
Nursery	19	1.72	15	2.21
TOTALS.....	270	\$45.01	204	\$28.43

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Jim Griffin is confined to his home with influenza.



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Right Relationship With God

The church proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and teaches each new generation its meaning. The gospel is the good news about God. In announces and describes the relation we may all have with him and with one another. We preach and teach so that persons of all ages may come into the right relationship with God and continue in that relationship.

—Harry T. Stock

BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory Solo: "O Lord Be Merciful"

Bartlett

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Anthem: "Send Out Thy Light" Gounod

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

SERMON: "Vital Religion—A Study In Power for Action" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

LET'S ALL IMPROVE OUR PUNCTUALITY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

A representative for Alcoholics Anonymous will be at the morning meeting of Young Married People's Class, Sunday morning at 9:15. James Young will lead the lesson. Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Jackson are the teacher-counsellors.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO VISIT IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT
C.Y.F. — 6:15 P.M.

The C.Y.F. are having a Parent-Teens dinner Sunday evening, October 23rd, at 6:15 at the Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, executive secretary of the Family and Children's Service Bureau, and expert on family problems, will speak. A question and answer period will follow her talk. Please bring a covered dish and table service. Parents of teen age young people are cordially invited.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

We are now getting into our music for the coming celebration of Thanksgiving and then Christmas. All of the members of the Sanctuary Choir extend an open invitation to all those who enjoy singing to come and join us. Rehearsals are at 7:30 P.M. each Thursday evening at the Church.

In connection with our Coffee Hour, the choir enjoyed another delightful evening at the home of the Fred Smells last Thursday. These social events serve to increase our pleasure in being a "mamber of our Choir".

Donald Miller, President.



—Black Star Photo

Mission jeeps ford streams and cross open country bearing the gospel message abroad. The sturdy vehicle shown here is being used in central India by a village uplift team.

Transportation Units Aid Mission Programs

The forty-odd trucks, jeeps and carryalls now in use by missionaries and Christian nationals abroad under The United Christian Missionary Society are vital to mission programs. In most countries where the work is being done, roads are poor, bridges few and service stations non-existent. Remote little communities in the African jungles, dusty plains of Mexico and mountains of the Philippines are spots where Christian work is most needed. Thus, the durable jeep is a boon to missionaries and their fellow-workers on the foreign fields.

Used for more than getting workers from the mission station to their outposts, jeeps often become literature display racks, medical dispensaries, or booths for audio-visual equipment when they arrive in a village. Transportation units are among the tools of the present age



—Photo by William D. Hall

Edith Clare Walden (left) displays books and tracts on a side of the Mission jeep while preaching in an Indian village.

which mission workers are using to help explain the story of Christ to people who have never heard it nor understood its meaning.

—News in Brief—

Affiliated with the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ are 34 colleges in the United States and Canada. These schools produce 69 per cent of the national leadership, 70 per cent of the missionaries and 89 per cent of the ministers of Disciples of Christ churches.

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Sales literature operations of the United Society merged with those of the Christian Board of Publication July 1, 1955. Study packets, church development materials, church bulletins and church school leadership guides prepared by United Society departments in Indianapolis are now being merchandised by the Christian Board in St. Louis, Mo.

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Thanks were sent recently by Church World Service of the National Council of Churches to the Disciples of Christ Mission in the Philippines for relief given to earthquake victims last spring. Pow-

dered milk and eggs, clothing, and medicines were distributed by mission workers through an interdenominational committee.

**All Peoples Choir
Members Sing With
Musical Goodwill Tour**

Ritsuki Kawakami, choir director at All Peoples Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif., recently returned from a three-month tour of Asia and South America. She was a member of a choir composed of singers of various racial and cultural backgrounds. The group was sponsored by the U.S. State Department for the purpose of sending a goodwill group abroad to speak through music, the "international language."

Other All Peoples church choristers on the tour were Kay Kokubun, associate minister and Fran Thom.

All Peoples church choir is composed almost entirely of young people. The director, Miss Ritsuko Kawakami (left foreground) is shown leading the interracial chorus.



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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

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	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Offering
Men's Class	6	\$1.50	7	\$ 1.73
Ladies' Bible Class	8	.75	8	.94
Friendly Class	18	2.64	22	2.80
Progressive	25	5.25	27	5.35
Come Double	49	13.60	35	8.31
Young Marrieds	15	1.50	6	1.24
High School	31	3.51	19	3.49
Junior High	19	2.10	11	1.40
Upper Juniors	22	1.75	13	1.71
Lower Juniors	25	2.31	20	2.40
Primary	24	2.42	20	1.31
Kindergarten	30	3.36	22	1.90
Nursery	17	1.58	15	1.24
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TOTALS.....	289	\$42.27	225	\$33.82

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this week are the gift of Miss Ethel Shroyer and Mrs. D. C. Smith given in memory of their mother.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class is having a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 22nd in the gym.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Emma Crabill is a patient in Room 208 Lutheran Hospital.
Infant Randy Akers was a patient in Children's Ward, Lutheran Hospital.
Mrs. Ruth Braun is a patient in Room 428 Parkview Hospital.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNamara a little girl, Susan, born last week at Lutheran hospital.

OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER

General Fund	\$1518.04
Building Fund	1290.60
Church School	132.06
TOTAL.....	\$2940.70

OLDER BOYS BASKETBALL

In connection with the "Y Church Basketball League," there will be an older boys team for fellows out of High School with no limit to ages over 18. All guys not already contacted see or call Don Miller, K-4147 as soon as possible.

There also will be teams for High School and Chi Rho fellows.

THE CLAIMS OF BROTHERHOOD

"All men are brothers. This is not a statement of pious hope nor an idealistic goal. It is the statement of a fact. Men who deny true kinship with their fellow men—all fellow men—find themselves at odds with their own destiny. The world is waking to the claims of brotherhood. Science gives no sanction to the myth of race; no defense for prejudice. Christians are the guardians of the truth that all men are the sons of God and cannot but be brothers."

Mrs. Douglas Horton



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Sunday is Reformation Sunday. When Martin Luther nailed those theses on the Church door, a new epoch in the history of the Church began. This Sunday at the Trinity English Lutheran Church there will be a Union Service celebrating this event. This meeting is sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. Make it a point to observe Reformation Sunday. This is a great day for Lutherans, but this day is a great heritage to all Protestant peoples. This day Protestants come together to make a common witness. J. D. Whale writes, "When Luther confronted, alone, the power and majesty of half the world at Worms, something very old was recovered and something constitutive of the new era was born."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Bless Us, O Lord" Hamblen

High School Choir—Mrs. John Baughman,
Director

Anthem: "Send Out Thy Light" Gounod

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

SERMON: "Remove the Stone"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE NOW SHOWING IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

The Young Married Class will have A. E. Robinson, Secretary Tuberculosis Ass'n. in this area, as speaker this Sunday. E. D. Munro will preside at the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson are the teacher-sponsors of this Class.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

The High School Choir is to sing this Sunday morning. Members of the Choir are asked to come early, 9:10 A.M. for a brief rehearsal. Regular rehearsal each Sunday evening at 5 P.M.

C.Y.F. — 6 P.M.

The C.Y.F. Hayride which was scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed.

BASKETBALL

Again the call is made to all who love to play basketball—from Chi Rho, High School through our Senior group.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this week are the gift of Mrs. Ethel Richhart in memory of her son, Donald.

Reformation

An outgrowth of the council idea

THE GREAT Protestant Reformation of the Sixteenth Century might have been a movement for *strengthening* the church, rather than that of breaking the church apart. Reformers within the church had tried for more than one hundred years to overcome the weaknesses and right the wrongs they saw in church practices of their day. They wanted freedom for individual churchmen and they called for a council of the churches which could decide under the guidance of the Holy Spirit on needed religious reforms.

A council was called to be held at Trent, near Venice, Italy, in the year 1545. The reformers hoped that this would be a free, general Christian council. However, church leaders in Rome opposed the idea of a free council with representation from all of the churches. They upheld the authority of the Pope over such councils and forced decisions which made reforms impossible. After that, the Papal adherents remained solidly behind the Roman church. Those convinced of the free council idea went the way of the Reformation.

Today, we who believe in representative Christian councils such as the World Council of Churches, national, state and community councils, are concerned not only with the settling of disputes, but with a common obedience to our one Lord. In such obedience, our churches labor together in:

- cooperative ministry through inter-church aid and fraternal service
- advising with statesmen on international affairs
- studying our common faith and our differences in expressing our faith.

The Disciples of Christ (Christian churches) are in the stream of history which flows in the direction of the free council idea. We believe that God is understood by men in diverse ways and that he reveals his fullness when men bring their differences together, letting him lead where he will from that point.

Four leaders of the Reformation are symbolized in a group of statues in Geneva, Switzerland. They are John Calvin, Guillaum Farel and Theodore Beza, who established church reform in Switzerland, and John Knox, a Scot who translated the Bible into English. (RNS photo)

*A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing. . .*

*Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing. . .*

—MARTIN LUTHER



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Friendly Class	18	2.04	14	2.40
Progressive	20	6.52	31	5.68
Come Double	42	13.41	31	6.05
Young Marrieds	17	2.04	7	1.47
High School	24	2.37	21	3.61
Junior High	16	1.34	4	.45
Upper Juniors	25	1.93	17	2.05
Lower Juniors	24	2.25	18	2.08
Primary	24	2.28	13	1.59
Kindergarten	31	2.28	20	1.58
Nursery	22	1.79	16	2.74
TOTALS.....	265	\$39.90	208	\$33.01

OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER

General Fund	\$1880.42
Building Fund	1636.10
Church School	171.71

TOTAL TO DATE.....\$3688.23

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Donohue, 2724 Hoagland Avenue Monday, November 14th for a carry-in dinner at 6:30. Devotions and study period will follow.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 No. Anthony Blvd., Wednesday, November 2. Devotions by Mrs. E. N. Schlatter and a Book Review by Mrs. Herbert Lehman.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove Avenue, Tuesday, November 1, at 1:30 P.M. Members are requested to bring their offerings for "Parcels for Peace".

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. L. R. Mote, Winchester Road, Wednesday evening, November 2 at 8 P.M.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St., Tuesday afternoon, November 1, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Rolland Ripple and Mrs. Jack Cooney are in charge of program. Devotions by Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

C.W.F. FALL FUN FESTIVAL

The Fall Fun Festival will be held on Thursday, November 3 in Fellowship Hall. It will open at 4 P.M. You can buy your supper from a choice of hot sandwiches, cake and pie, ice cream, milk, pop, hot coffee and tea, etc. There will be booths with home made candies, cookies, and other baked goods, needlework, pantry shelf and all the usual found at bazaars. Games such as: cake-walk, fish pond, grab bags, movies for children, doll show and many other attractions. **Come early, have fun!**

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Leo Miller, 2210 Ardmore Avenue, Friday evening, November 4.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. J. E. Weicker's father is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Louis Rhodes is a patient in Parkview.

Mrs. Thomas Owen is ill at her home 1220 Spy Run Ave.

Martha Jeannette Beck has been ill at home since last Thursday.

Mrs. Ethel Richhart is recuperating at her home, after suffering a severe head injury.

Miss Helen Flaig, our Choir Director, is ill at her home.

Mr. Arthur Richardson has been admitted to the Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. I. W. Ditton is in the Lutheran Hospital.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

Volume 14

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 3, 1955

Number 5

14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st

THIS IS GOOD LITERATURE WEEK—Man's horizons are enlarged, the understanding awakened and the heart made strong as he reads good literature. For every need and every mood, somewhere there is good literature which will illuminate and underline the importance of God in daily life. Probably in no other way can one be as the prodigal son living on husks and in the company of swine, if he feeds his mind on modern filthy literature. Great fiction, short stories, poems, prayers, sermons, essays; scientific and historic, travel literature are available for the alert and selective mind. This week as suggested in the Christian Evangelist can be a time to enlist the members to subscribe for World Call, The Christian Evangelist, the Hearthstone, our great Church papers. It can be a time to begin a careful reading of the greatest book of all, the Bible. As a people we have emphasized the fact that religion should be reasonable. We have said one should study to be approved unto God. What great things lie in store, in friendship and fellowship with the great minds for one who discriminatingly and intellectually becomes a reader of great literature.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist

Anthem: "Our Soul Waiteth For The Lord" Ross

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "The Answer To Trouble"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

QUESTION: WHERE WILL YOU BE AT 9:15 A.M. NEXT SUNDAY?

Our Church School is Making A Good Record. Keep It Up!

C.Y.F.

High School Choir Rehearsal at 5 o'clock Sunday evening.

MEN'S FORUM

HONORING OUR ATHLETES

Jack C. Cooney, Pilot for Zollner's Plane, Speaker

A week from this Sunday the Men's Forum will honor their Athletes, especially will they give recognition to our softball team that won the TROPHY FOR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP in the Church League this last Season. All members of our Basketball teams are invited guests and they are asked to bring their fathers.

For All Peoples

One of six institutional missions maintained by Disciples of Christ through The United Christian Missionary Society is All Peoples Christian Church and Community House, Los Angeles. All phases of its program are instituted to demonstrate that brotherhood is the realistic way of life.

In the worship programs of the

church, in discussion groups of young people, in clubs and in the social hall, on the playground and in the library, in the child-care center and in summer camp, All Peoples seeks to practice the teaching that "the Lord hath made of one blood" all mankind.

Here, truly, is a house of prayer for all peoples.



The Fight Against Leprosy

More than half a million dollars will be spent this year by American Protestant churches in their worldwide fight against leprosy. This is the estimate made by American Leprosy Missions, an organization which cooperates with 60 Protestant denominations and interdenominational mission boards.

All across America the leprosy "pig" bank is known to children and adults who "feed the pig" to share in the ministry to victims of this disease.

The treatment for leprosy is seen as a combined program of medical, physical and spiritual care. An active, vital church is the core of every leprosy colony.

About 50,000 patients live in or receive treatment in 148 colonies, in 31 countries, on five continents. India, for instance, has 29 leprosy stations. Thailand has one station which cares for 453 patients in the colony and 1,311 living in 19 preventive leprosy villages outside. Colonies in North America are at Carville, Louisiana, in Panama, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Three new colonies will receive aid this year: one in Belgian Congo, one in Tanganyika in eastern Africa, and a new colony to be built in Paraguay.

Most of the work in these colonies

has been done through mission boards of the various Protestant denominations. American Leprosy Missions solicits and distributes funds to aid in the support of their work. This year there will be funds for new hospitals, churches, schools, dormitories, homes for healthy children, farming equipment, etc. Additional funds will be spent for drugs and medicines.

Experiments in the last two years have drastically reduced the cost of treatment for leprosy. It is estimated that the maximum cost is not more than \$1.00 per patient per year.

This decrease in medicine costs has made it possible for the Missions body to channel more funds into salaries for full-time personnel, a further aid to mission boards who have heretofore carried such expense.

Disciples of Christ administer leprosy colonies as a part of their missions in India and in Congo, to which funds are allocated by American Leprosy Missions. Our missionaries in Paraguay also work with the government colony at Sapucay. In Puerto Rico, ministerial students at Union Theological Seminary hold regular services in the chapel at the leprosy station conducted by the government, and minister in many other ways to the welfare of the patients.



All Peoples Christian Church and Community House, Los Angeles, has for its slogan — *"My house shall be called an house of prayer for all peoples."*

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CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY — NOV. 20TH

	Attendance	Offering
Men's Class	10	\$27.00
Ladies' Bible Class	12	20.00
Friendly Class	20	20.00
Progressive	30	30.00
Come Double	50	50.00
Young Marrieds	20	20.00
High School	35	15.00
Junior High	20	8.00
Upper Juniors	25	8.00
Lower Juniors	25	8.00
Primary	30	12.00
Kindergarten	35	12.00
Nursery	30	5.00
TOTALS	342	\$235.00

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 6	Grayston M. Cripe — Charles E. Fuchshuber
November 13	Dale Parkerson — David A. Griggs
November 20	Charles E. Fuchshuber — B. W. Leversee
November 27	Harold W. Crowder — Gail J. Roe

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Captain, Herbert C. Banet, H-59243; Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman, Chester L. Follis, Howard J. Howell, E. T. Fusselman, Jay J. McCarel, C. Hendrickson, Jim N. Griffin, John C. Cole, Wm. E. Olsen, Maro A. Bolinger, Harley Meadows.

If unable to serve please call your Captain.

Women's Commission on Hospitality, Mrs. Mack Gaunt, Chairman for November.

Co-Chairman Couple for November, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder.

Deaconess serving in November, Mrs. Paul E. Truby.

Pastor Committee for November, Mr. John J. Menke and Mr. Donald Wasson.

Official Board will meet Tuesday evening, November 8th at 8 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Fred Wilson, 1332 W. Washington Blvd., Tuesday Afternoon, November 8 at 1:30 P.M.

The Montgomery Circle will meet in the Church Parlor Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Fred Dillman, and Mrs. Theo. Stefanski are co-hostesses. Members are reminded to bring a box dessert to trade.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

	October	To date for Year
General Fund	\$2244.21	\$19,122.95
Building Fund	2071.10	18,961.53
Church School	209.09	1,869.24
TOTALS	\$4524.40	\$39,953.72
Total Certificates Given to Church		2,500.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$42,453.72

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Marsha Pond is ill at Lutheran Hospital, Children's Ward, 4th floor.

Patrick Overby is in St. Joseph's Hospital, 6th floor.

Mrs. Nancy Frame is ill at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. J. R. Coar is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 355.

Mr. H. W. Sigrist has been ill at his home.

Mrs. Mack Gaunt has been ill at home.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Cecil Rice lost her mother, by death, last week. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rice and her family.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

Volume 14

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 10, 1955

Number 6

14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st WEALTH

These things I know: I have planted a garden so I know what faith is.

I have seen poplar trees in the breeze, so I know what grace is.

I have listened to birds caroling, so I know what music is.

I have seen morning without clouds, after showers, so I know what beauty is.

I have seen the miracle of sunset, so I know what grandeur is.

And because I have perceived all these things, I know what wealth is.

—From Capper Magazine

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "But The Lord Is Mindful of His Own"

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Miss Audrey Coburn, Contralto

Anthem: "Heavenly Light" Wilhousky — Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "A Way To Greatness"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY — NOV. 20TH

	Attendance	Offering
Men's Class	10	\$27.00
Ladies' Bible Class	12	20.00
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Kindergarten	35	12.00
Nursery	30	5.00
TOTALS.....	342	\$235.00

C.Y.F.

The High School will rehearse at 4:50 P.M. Sunday evening.

Chi Rho rehearsal at 4:00 P.M. Sunday evening.



Above left is W. B. Pearce of Shreveport, La., new president of the National Christian Men's Fellowship Commission; and right is Miss Colleen Coleman of Santa Ana, Calif., president of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission.

Mountain of Light Farm Develops Church Leaders

Christian leaders are beginning to arise from among students and graduates of Mountain of Light

Farm near Pabellon, Mexico. The farm, a Disciples of Christ center, is a home to which Protestant children go to live in order to attend school in Pabellon. Older youth also receive their high school education at the farm from resident missionary-counselors.

—News in Brief—

The twenty-third International Sunday School Convention, held in Cleveland this past summer, was attended by 249 Christian church leaders.

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In Puerto Rico, new sanctuaries have been dedicated for First Christian Church, San Juan, and Comercio Street Church, Bayamon.

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The new nursery kindergarten director at All Peoples Community Center is Mrs. Billie Vincent.

Students come from great distances to live and be educated at Mountain of Light Farm. There they also raise crops and livestock to help supply food and funds and to learn better ways of farming.

Students from the farm are teachers, deacons and officers of the Pabellon church and several graduates are studying for the ministry.

Mr. MacDonald is a 1947 graduate of The College of the Bible, Disciples seminary at Lexington, Ky.

"Progressive Farmer" and Emory University Honor Christian Church Pastor

Progressive Farmer magazine and Emory University have awarded a Disciples of Christ minister their 1955 Rural Minister of the Year recognition. He is Rev. C. R. MacDonald, pastor at Pfafftown, N. C. The award was shared with one other minister.

The church Mr. MacDonald serves is in a 10-year advancement program with one goal to double missionary and benevolence giving by 1960. The goal was reached last year and giving continues to increase.

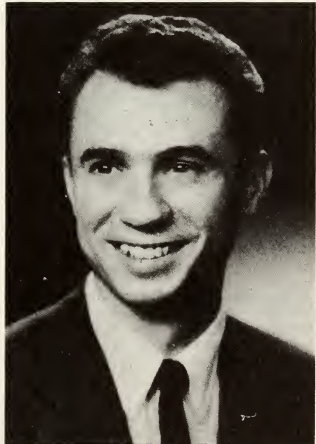
International Convention Sets Sites Through 1959

Sites for coming assemblies of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ have been selected for the next several years. The next international assembly is scheduled for Des Moines, Ia., for next year. The 1957 assembly is set for Cleveland, O., and St. Louis, Mo., will be host to the 1958 assembly. The 1959 assembly convenes in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Because the fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) was held in North America, at Toronto, Ont., this year, the International Convention held 12 area assemblies across the continent this fall.

The time and place committee represents 85 brotherhood agencies.

Below left is Mrs. Russell J. Putnam of Cleveland, Ohio, who is now serving as the International Christian Women's Fellowship president; and right is Richard Dickinson of Alhambra, Calif., president of the Disciples Student Fellowship Ecclesia.



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MEN'S FORUM — DINNER MEETING — 5 TO 7 P.M.

HONORING OUR ATHLETES

Mr. Jack C. Cooney, Pilot for Zollner's is guest speaker for the Men's Forum this Sunday evening. The Forum will honor our church athletes. Special recognition will be given the softball team which won the Good Sportsmanship trophy. Mr. Leslie C. Green, Mr. Herbert J. Lehman, Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Wm. Caldwell are serving on the food committee. Special music by Mr. Kern, soloist from Central High School.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Donohue, 2724 Hoagland Ave. Monday, Nov. 14 for a carry-in supper at 6:30 P.M. Devotions and study will follow.

The Higdon Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 14, 7:45 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber, 508 Lavina St. Worship by Mrs. G. B. Elser, Program by Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Powell Rayburn, 2220 Spring St., Monday evening, Nov. 14, at 8 P.M. Devotions by Nancy Fay Woodhull, leader Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman.

OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Current Operating Account	\$ 448.80
Building Fund Account	541.25
Church School	42.06
Certificates of Indebtedness & Interest	1560.00

Total \$2592.11

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Basketball was played at its finest last Saturday night. We had 5 boys there against 8 of the opposing team and the score only came out 48-53 favor West Creighton. Our team was a tired bunch after the game but a truly proud team. Because they played one whale of a game. The next Senior game IS AT ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH, SATURDAY the 12th, 6:30 P.M. There is still room for 2 more players on the team, so anyone interested call Don Miller, K-4147.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Our choir is still building up a few members at a time, but there is room for many more. We all urge that any one who loves to sing come and join us. Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 7:30 P.M. SHARP. Come and be a Member.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Scott Powers is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Ralph Simmons is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, 5th floor.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Paul Clendenen and family in the recent loss of his father.

Miss Martha Beck wishes to take this opportunity to thank all her friends and acquaintances in the Church for many greetings, cards and flowers which she received during her illness.

PRAYERLESS — POWERLESS

What is the reason many thousands of Christian workers in the world have not greater influence? Nothing save this—the prayerlessness of their service. In the midst of all their zeal in the study and in the work of the Church, of all their faithfulness in preaching and conversation with the people, they lack that ceaseless prayer which has attached to it the sure promise of the spirit and the power from on high.

WHAT AN EXAMPLE

Sunday a gift of \$1560 of Certificates of Indebtedness was made by a man and his wife. He stated this would in no way affect his regular weekly giving to the church and the Building Fund.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 17, 1955

Number 7

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st

Mighty thankful that I'm needed
To be useful while I'm here;
Mighty glad if I've succeeded
Spreading just a bit of cheer;
Mighty glad to learn life's lessons
From the Teacher up above;
Mighty thankful for God's blessings
And the greatest one is love!

—J. E. Hungerford.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Bless Thou O God, This Day" Smith

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Anthem: "Psalm CL" by Franck

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

SERMON: "This Must Be?"

Great Music — Fine New Members — Our Church Continues to Grow.

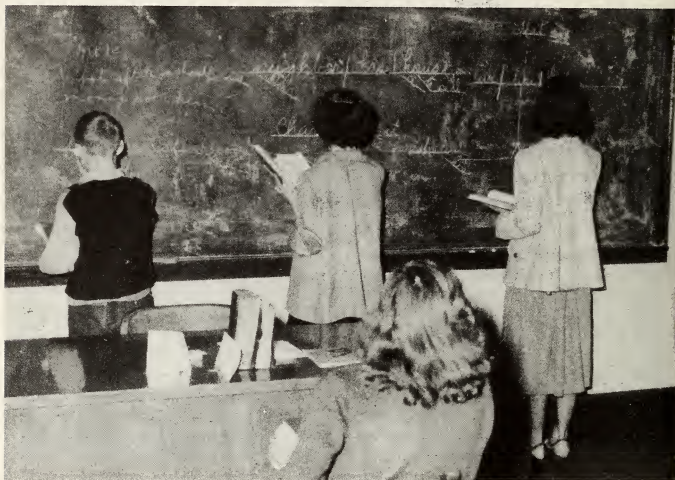
CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY — NOV. 20TH

	Attendance	Offering
Men's Class	10	\$27.00
Ladies' Bible Class	12	20.00
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Primary	30	12.00
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TOTALS.....	342	\$235.00

C.Y.F. — 6:00 P.M.

High School Choir rehearsal 5:15 P.M. Chi Rho rehearsal 4:30 P.M.



Students at Hazel Green Academy diagram sentences on the blackboard in English class. To gain a command of language is to gain clarity in thought and expression.

Hazel Green Academy Alumni Set up Scholarships

Many scholarships to help pay for the support of students at Hazel Green Academy have been estab-

lished or renewed. A large number of them were made for the current year by alumni of the school who met there during the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration in August.

Carrying over three days, the festive occasion drew people from throughout the nation. It began with a fish fry on Friday evening, Aug. 12. A highlight was a colorful pageant depicting the development of the Hazel Green community and mission. It was held Saturday evening in a natural outdoor amphitheater.

The celebration program was sponsored by the Former Students Association. Among former students of Hazel Green Academy are lawyers, scientists, physicians, ministers, home economists and teachers.

—News in Brief—

Mr. Hugh J. Williams, missionary to Puerto Rico, is on special assignment this year to teach in the seminary of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Mr. and Mrs. William G. Clark have begun a year's internship at Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Wash.

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Many Protestant churches will observe Youth Week, Jan. 20-Feb. 5.

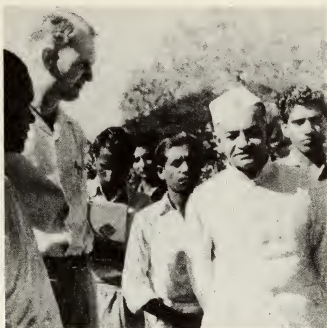
Matthew Is Bible Book Of the Month to Read According to Plan

The Gospel according to Matthew has been a favorite of teachers through the years, says the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature in recommending it as the Bible book for reading this month. This book contains many parables and "sayings" of Jesus, the Commission reminds possible readers.

This book may be logically divided into parts, the Commission suggests, and each one read at a sitting, as follows: Part I, the prologue, chapters 1 and 2. Part II, 3:1-7:27. Part III, 7:28-10:42. Part IV, 11:1-13:52. Part V, 13:53-18:35. Part VI, 19:1-25:46. Part VII, the epilogue, 26-28. The Commission suggests that readers note the many well-known passages.

Galatians is suggested next.

Highlights of the youth tour to Caribbean missions this past summer included some work projects. Here two girls wash church windows in Kingston, Jamaica.



In hat is the deputy finance minister of Madhya Pradesh state India on a visit to "Star of Life" leaders in training.

College Students Look To Home Churches for Aid

The ministry to college students is expected to be greatly aided by a new plan of support from hometown churches. According to the "Home Church Plan" which got under way in time to help students this semester, their home churches are asked to give at least ten dollars to the ministry for each of its students attending any particular college or university. Allotments are made directly to the college ministry and used there to help assure an adequate Christian program for students.

Parker Rossman, director of student work for The United Christian Missionary Society, points out that one of the Disciples' long-range objectives is to increase the ministry to Disciple-preference students. A brochure, "Focus on College," detailing the plan is being circulated to churches.

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The Thanksgiving offering is for **Christian Education:** Leadership Training, Camps and Conferences, Student Work, Christian Family Life; **Church Colleges;** Social Education: Is vital because it informs churches regarding social issues, provides informative literature, trains leadership for community service, conducts alcoholic and other social studies. **LET US MAKE OUR GOALS!**

WHEN WE CHOOSE CHURCH OFFICERS

How can we decide whom we should choose for Church officers? Here are some suggestions: (1) Is he or she a member of First Christian. (2) Is he or she committed to the Disciples of Christ Communion and our benevolent and world work. (3) Is he or she a regular supporter of the Budget and Building Fund of the church according to his or her ability. (4) Is he or she loyal in their attendance at worship services. (5) Does he or she work well with people. (6) Is he or she in accord with the Church program. (7) Is he or she competent to carry on the work and business of the church. In all things we should exercise the spirit of Christ in love, kindness, understanding and intelligence.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel flowers next Sunday are the gift of Miss Donna Leversee in memory of her Mother's Birthday. Notify the office for flowers for gift or memorials.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. H. M. Flowers and family, in the loss of his father.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Kenneth W. Sefton is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, room 366.

Mrs. Elmer Braun is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Fred H. Wilson is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 422.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck is quite ill at her home.

NEW BABIES IN CHURCH FAMILY

Jack DuWane, born November 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simmons.

Linda Sue Eich, born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Eich.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

"Making Holidays Holy Days" is the topic for our program next Monday afternoon at 2 P.M. The McGavran Circle is in charge of the program. Worship by Gish Circle; Hospitality, Kepple Circle; and refreshments will be served by the Dye Circle. Executive will meet at 1:15 P.M. in the Chapel.

RUMMAGE SALE DECEMBER 8 and 9 — 2033 S. Lafayette Street

BASKETBALL

Another good, close scoring game was played against Church of God last Saturday with our team losing by only 6 points, 45-39. Our next two games are on Friday, the 18th and Saturday, the 19th. Both at St. John's Gym and both are scheduled at 7:45 P.M. Our Junior High tied St. John's E & R team.

NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

General Operating Account	\$ 946.15
Building Fund Account	921.20
Church School	82.48

\$1949.83

Certificates	\$1560.00
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Total to date for month**\$3509.83**

MINISTER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER

28 sick calls, 17 meetings outside church meetings; counselled with 29 people, made 41 calls in homes, gave 8 sermons and talks. On 5 different programs in the community, wrote six articles and read 7 books.

ADVERTISING IN TIDINGS

The Tidings is to be opened for advertising. A number have sent in requests. Any in our membership who wishes his business or profession to have a place in this advertising should contact the church office for terms and conditions.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 24, 1955

Number 8

14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st

"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not slip into temptation."

We have in our passage a summons to action! One of the subtle temptations of Christians is to rest on their oars and drift downstream with the feeling that anything as good as Christianity will sort of look after itself and survive any crisis. But Christianity is really something to be done.

This explains the failure of so many nominal Christians. They sleep while the issues which will effect the well-being of mankind go unheeded. Christianity is sound and powerful when applied, but it won't work unless we work it. Jesus was in agony in the Garden of Eden and His disciples were asleep just a stone's throw away from Him! Ah, we could change the world if we cared enough!

—Selected

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Give Thanks and Sing" Harris
High School Choir, Mrs. J. H. Baughman,
Director — Anthem: "Psalm CL" Franck
Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Preacher: Our Pastor

SERMON: "Facing Hardness"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Junior Choir will meet for rehearsal Wednesday, November 30 at 4 p.m.
Miss Audrey Coburn will direct our Junior Choir.

"COME ALL" CLASS

The "Come All" Class is having varied and interesting programs each Sunday. Last Sunday Dr. Frederick O. Mackel spoke to the group. This Sunday Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder will lead the class in the discussion of "Prayer and Health".

There is a fellowship and coffee period each Sunday before the class period. James Young is the president. Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Jackson are teacher-sponsors. Several projects are being carried out by this group, one is the providing additional paid help for the Nursery for Sunday. Mrs. Dale Smith is the pianist. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, Social Chairmen.

**"COME ALL" WELCOMES ALL!
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS RECEIVED SUNDAY MORNING

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STEWARDSHIP

A good churchman works for and through his church, even as he works outside his church, to redeem his pledge of faith and love. He offers the skill of his hands, his professional talents, the gifts of his spirit and, not least, the superb grace of his faithfulness. He seeks with others a division of labor in the enterprises of the church so that laymen may assume such burdens as otherwise overtake the minister and distract him from his irreplaceable task. Working for God in his church does not substitute for living with God but follows from it.

David H. Sandstrom

CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO YOU

By Mark W. Randle

"And he said to them, 'Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions'."

A Christian knows no title too lofty or exalted to be denied Jesus Christ. In anthem, in prayer, in sermon, in both prose and poetry the honor and glory due the Man of Galilee are always acclaimed. At this time may we suggest that there is a most meaningful title, though it is very seldom used, "Steward".

Jesus taught stewardship as a way of life. Time and time again He employed the simple story or parable to emphasize this fundamental nature of discipleship. Whether the theme was that of talents, coins or the Kingdom of Heaven, often the Master spoke of the need for man to use aright the gifts of life entrusted to him.

Jesus condemned greed and covetousness and pointed to the everlasting principle that wealth has great value when used properly, but becomes the power of soul destruction when dissipated or misused. He emphasized both the positive and the practical sides of stewardship. Meeting human needs—clothing the naked—feeding the hungry—visiting the sick—was made the basis of Christian life.

Jesus inculcated the principle that all should give of their possessions for the causes of the Kingdom. It is not surprising that the early Christians as related in the story in the New Testament of the early church, far exceeded the traditional tithe in their offerings to the Lord. Undoubtedly, many had heard Jesus preach, and were convinced of the truth of His words, "Foolish is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

For centuries the essence of the Christian faith has been sacrificial giving. Jesus gave His life for others. The Cross of Calvary puts to eternal shame the Christians who permit the decisions of their lives to be controlled by greed, selfishness or covetousness. Christians today have the opportunity of being the "salt of the earth" and the "lights of the world" by accepting Christ's principles of faith, prayer and sacrifice. Certainly it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

—The Country Club Christian

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BASKETBALL

The senior boys still haven't found the clicking combination yet as we absorbed two defeats last week end. We lost to Leo Mennonite by 94-34 and to Latter Day Saints by 50-33. Our record is 0-4 so far but we are working hard to start winning. The next game is Saturday the 26th at 6:30 at Y.M.C.A. playing Calvary EUB. **Wish Us Luck.** H.S. team working in good shape. Jr. H.S. team hasn't lost a game to date.

Wish Us Luck.

NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

General Operating Account	\$1560.90
Building Fund Account	1360.95
Church School	245.48

TOTAL.....	\$3167.33
Certificates	1560.00

Total to date for month	\$4727.33
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FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, 1617 Edgewater Avenue on Friday evening, December 2 at 7:30 P.M.

NEW BABY

Randall Wayne, born Friday, November 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Koomler.

C.Y.F. — 6 P.M.

C.Y.F. will have choir rehearsal at 5:15 P.M. This will be followed by a potluck supper. Rev. Clyde Adams, Negro minister, will talk about the Youth of the Near East, and will give the point of view of his Race. He will bring musical numbers from his Church Youth Group.

Chi Rho rehearsal at 4:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 4 12-12:30 p.m. our Minister and Choir are on Television WKJG-TV. Worship at church will begin at 10:20 a.m.



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WOMAN'S DAY — SPECIAL OFFERING

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:20 A.M.

Our choir and pastor will be on television from 12 o'clock Noon to 12:30 Sunday, December 4th, over W.K.J.G.-T.V. Channel 33 on your dial.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:20 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M. Offertory: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Liddle
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Duet: Mrs. L. R. Mote and Miss Helen Flaig
 Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach
 Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Dr. H. Gray Russell, Missionary-Educator, Guest Minister.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

GIVING

Last 9 Sundays (October & November)	9 Sundays in 1955	\$499.80
Total (1955)	9 Sundays in 1954	412.47
Total (1954)		
	Increase in 1955	\$ 87.33
Increase in 1955	Percent of Increase	21.2%
Per Cent of Increase	Oct-Nov. 1955 over Oct.-Nov. 1954	

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If you do not have tickets for Sunday morning call John H. Baughman, A-97372 or the church office, A-6222.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 15.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 4—Floyd E. Morrical — Eppie R. Baker.
11—Glenn R. Miller — Grayston M. Cripe.
18—Cecil Rice — Eural G. Rose.
25—Albert Egly — John E. Merrill.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Captain, Paul E. Truby, K-1514; J. E. Tracey, T. D. Eddleman, Cecil A. Kinzie, John F. Hechler, Bret R. Young, Wm. E. Tracey, Robert E. Working, Leon H. Johns, Mark H. Crouse, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Everett W. Evans.

If unable to serve please call your captain.

Mr. Harold Stigers and Mr. L. R. Mote, Pastor's Committee for December.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, Co-chairmen Couple for December.

Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Deaconess for December.

Women's Commission on Hospitality—Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Chairman for December.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

For November

For Year to Date

General Operating Account	\$2019.20.....	\$21,142.15
Building Fund Account	1614.05.....	20,575.58
Church School	290.62.....	2,159.86
Total for November	\$3923.87.....	\$43,877.59
Certificates	1560.00.....	4,960.00
Totals	\$5483.87.....	\$48,837.59

FRIENDLY CLASS

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Frank C. Hill, 2134 Owaissa Way on Tuesday, December 6, at 1:30 P.M.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. A. C. Worley, 2551 Terrace Rd., Wednesday, December 7, at 1:30 P.M. There will be a gift exchange. Mrs. John Baughman is in charge of the program. Slides on India will be shown. Special music by Mrs. L. A. Horn, devotions by Mrs. C. W. Winfield.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming Ave., Tuesday afternoon, December 6 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. K. L. Edwards is in charge of program. Devotions by Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. H. E. Russell, 1014 Maxine Drive on Wednesday evening, December 7, at 8 o'clock.

Woman's Day, December 4th. is under the auspices of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Dr. H. Gray Russell, Missionary Educator, on furlough from Belgian Congo, will be the speaker.

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First Christian Church

December 11, 1955

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THREE YEAR TERM

Vote for 5

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- ☐ Robert E. Clipp
- ☐ Maxwell P. Smith
- ☐ Owen O. Vaught
- ☐ J. Hugh Tracey
- ☐ Carter D. Palmer

- ☐ Hugh D. Rice
- ☐ James R. Shockney
- ☐ John S. Craig
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TWO YEAR (UNEXPIRED) TERM

Vote for 1

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DEACONS:

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Vote for 13

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Vote for 1

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Vote for 1

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ONE YEAR TERMS

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Vote for 1

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- ☐ Sherman G. Myers
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- ☐ Mrs. Owen Vaught

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As we sing Christmas Carols during these Sundays ahead, let us surrender our doubts and accept the love and forgiveness of our heavenly Father who sent His son into the world not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS MORNING WORSHIP — 9:30 A.M.

Shortened Service.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Bach

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Our Pastor

Sermon:

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Church School is the church at **STUDY**; the Church Service is the Church at **WORSHIP**; and **BOTH** this Sunday. Our Church School is increasing. Become a part of this success through your regular attendance.

Upper Juniors solicit new socks for children in Cleveland Home.

C.Y.F.

Chi Rho and High School Choirs will rehearse their Christmas music Sunday, December 11th, at 2:00 P.M. in conjunction with Mrs. Horn's rehearsal. Following the rehearsal, there will be a party for the Chi Rho's.

Junior Choir rehearses Wednesday afternoons at 4 P.M. Miss Audrey Coburn, director. Parents! Encourage your children to attend these choir rehearsals.

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thursday, December 15th, 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Lawrence A. Horn, director

All Church School classes are participating in this program. There will be a full rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, December 11, at 2:00 o'clock. We urge all the young people to be present.

OUR NURSERY NEEDS

Our TOYS have been used so long, very few are left for the children to play with. New toys are needed to keep the children occupied. Those desiring to make a contribution to this project, please drop your offering in the BOX which you will find in the Narthex. If you wish to give NEW or GOOD USED toys, educational ones are preferred. Thank you.

BASKETBALL

We haven't had much luck let, as we lost to First Evangelical and Reformed, 63-43. We hope to do better at our next game which is to be at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, December 10th, at 6:30 P.M., against First Methodist. —Don Miller.

1956 CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE IN THE NARTHEX. Be sure your name is on the carton. If you do not find your box, please see Mrs. Vaught, Church secretary. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet in the Church Parlor on Tuesday evening, December 13, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Aden Current and Mrs. Robert Keithly are co-hostesses. Christmas gift exchange among the members. Also, a collection of silver for a gift of money to the Cleveland Christian Orphanage.

The Esther Circle will meet Monday evening, December 12 at 6:30 P.M. for a carry-in dinner, at the home of Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood. Devotions and study period will follow. There will be a 50c gift exchange.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne St. Monday, December 12 at 7:45 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline, Program by Mrs. Eural Rose. There will be a 50c gift exchange.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave. Monday, December 12, at 8 o'clock. Devotions by Miss Mildred Hartman, Program by Mrs. Powell Rayburn and Mrs. Robert Beck.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll will be printed following the last Sunday in the year. Members who have paid up their pledges to current operating expense account for the year 1955, will make up the Honor Roll. Statements will be mailed after Sunday the 18th, this will allow one Sunday before the end of the year, for members to pay on their pledges.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER

Current Operating Account	\$ 445.15
Building Fund Account	868.00
Church School	51.99
Certificates	300.00
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	\$1665.14

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. John J. Menke is a patient in room 226 Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Cecil Rice is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, room 402.

Mr. Fred H. Wilson is still a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 422.

Mrs. Elmer Braun is a patient in Parkview Hospital, room 411.

Miss Alice Richard is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 251.

Mr. Forrest Finnell is a patient at Parkview, Room 219.

Mr. Carl Broyles is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, 6th floor.

Mr. R. Blaine Jones is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 678.

Mrs. Gail Roe is ill at home.

Mrs. Leslie C. Green has been ill at her home.

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- ☐ Ward W. Bundy

- ☐ Jack E. Weicker
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THREE YEAR TERM

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- ☐ Albert Egly

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- ☐ Herman W. Sigrist
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CHURCH CLERK:

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS:

- ☐ David A. Griggs

- ☐ Grayston M. Cripe

CHURCH SCHOOL TREASURER:

- ☐ Donald E. Coffman

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NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS RECEIVED SUNDAY MORNING

The Nominating Committee consists of five members and the pastor; Mr. Leslie C. Green, Chairman, William E. Tracey, Herman W. Sigrist, James R. Shockney, Robert E. Working, Robert T. Beck.

Mr. Green presided and placed the following names in nomination: B. W. Leversee trustee for 3 years, Gail J. Roe, trustee for one year. For Deaconesses: Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. T. D. Eddleman for three years. For Elders: Dr. A. C. Worley, Robert E. Clipp, Maxwell P. Smith, Owen O. Vaught, J. Hugh Tracey, C. D. Palmer, all for three years and for Elder for 2 years, Dr. Frederick O. Mackel. For deacons for 3 years: Clayton Yoquelet, Merland G. Heller, John J. Menke, Donald E. Munro, Charles Hobbs, Scott Powers, Hoyt Campbell, Robert Rayl, John H. Baughman, Herbert Lehman, Russell Mikeworth, Ward W. Bundy, Thomas W. Yoder; For one year for deacon, Harold L. Jackson.

For Financial Secretary for one year, Powell A. Rayburn, for assistant financial secretaries for one year: Glenn R. Miller, J. Hugh Tracey, Homer Stevenson and Wm. H. Crouse.

For Treasurer for one year, Eural G. Rose. For Church School Superintendents for one year: David A. Griggs and Grayston Cripe. For Church School Treasurer for one year: Donald E. Coffman. For Church Clerk for one year, Mrs. Owen Vaught.

It should in all fairness be stated that the Nominating Committee was careful to check each nominee as to his financial support of the operating budget, the building fund, Church attendance and general support of the total program of the church and their support of the missionary program of our Brotherhood. In addition there was an effort made to see that the younger people, the middle aged and the older people were represented. Further since so many new members have been received into the church there was an effort made to have the longer residents, and the newer member represented on the Board, so all our members would feel themselves a part of the church and well represented. And that the offices might be passed around the membership and not held by just a few through the years. The other measures were a verification of their Christian devotion and their ability to manage the church business affairs. In this respect there is a high caliber represented in this group nominated by the Nominating Committee.

A written list of names presented from the floor were added to the nominations: For financial secretaries Albert Egly, Chairman; H. W. Sigrist, Sherman G. Myers, William H. Crouse, trustee; Mrs. William H. Crouse, deaconess; Hugh D. Rice, Elder; Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, deaconess; John S. Craig, elder; Mrs. John S. Craig, deaconess; Bret Young, William E. Olsen and James Shockney were also nominated for elders. The following were nominated for deacons: Myron Cole, Romane H. Cole, Dale Hiler, Phillip Uhl, William R. Love, Meldron S. Kreps, J. L. Brubaker, Arza Smith, L. A. Horn, J. E. Weicker, Harold K. Pritchard, and F. Wayne Rousseau.



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14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st

Tradition has it that many strange and wonderful happenings occur around Christmas, happenings that are inconsistent with the general traditions of men, that speak of something above and beyond men, to make this a holy time. True here were cruel, vicious, heartless scheming men at the time of the first Christmas as they are today. But the light of the Christmas star—and light reveals the work of darkness—the light of the star is consistent with stories that arise out of Christmas. The star gives its light and beauty asking nothing in return. Unlike the ways of men its gifts are to all who will receive them. There is no discrimination between the rich and the poor, the good or the evil. This light is said to awaken something in the hearts of men that leads to goodwill and forgiveness.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Duet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. Robt. E. Cocherille
 Anthem: "As Lately We Watched" Black
 Sanctuary and Junior Choirs

Miss Helen Flaig and Miss Audrey Coburn, Directors
 Sermon: "Our Response and the Presence of God" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — 7:30 PM.

Sunday, December 18th

Organ Prelude 7:25 P.M. Offertory: "Oh, Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"
 Mrs. Robt. C. M. Scott, Organist Handel

Miss Helen Flaig, Soloist
 Anthem: "Wind Through the Olive Trees"—Macfarlane

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Upper Juniors solicit as their Christmas project gifts of socks, all sizes and color, to be given to the Cleveland Christian Orphanage. Money will also be accepted. See Mrs. Robert Beck or Miss Fay Woodhull.

CHI RHO

The members of Chi Rho and their parents are having a carry-in dinner Saturday evening, December 17 at 6 P.M. at the Church.

The Chi Rho girls have made toys for Christmas and presented them to the West Side Neighborhood Club.

The Junior Boys Basketball Team is in first place, currently, in the Y.M. Church League.



Children of migrant laborers working near Blue Earth, Minn., attend a Daily Vacation Bible School sponsored by local churches. Increasingly churches are aiding migrants.

Many Disciples in Summer Work Around the World

Work camps the past summer drew nearly 75 Christian Church (Disciple) youth from the United States to projects around the world. Disciples sponsored four of the projects: at Mountain of Light Farm, Pabellon, Mexico; Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind.; Kingston, Jamaica; and All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center and the Avalon Center, both in Los Angeles, Calif.

The work included construction, community social services and worship programming.

Some of the 75 young workers served in projects sponsored by the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical agencies in Japan, Jordan, France, England, Germany,

Austria and Switzerland, and at The Albert Schweitzer Hospital at Deschappelles, Haiti.

—News in Brief—

Eight Russian clergymen have made a two-week visit to England and Scotland. They represented Orthodox, Baptist and Lutheran churches in Russia.

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Christian Churches (Disciples) have 96 candidates in missionary training under The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Brotherhood Week is Feb. 19-26.

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Senate Sub-Committee Hears Patriotism Defined by Top Churchman

"There has been a growing tendency on the part of our representatives in government to suppose that it is within the competence of the State to determine what is and what is not American," Dr. Eugene Carson Blake told a Senate Sub-Committee on Constitutional Rights in September. Dr. Blake is president of the National Council of Churches.

Continuing, Dr. Blake said that "from the beginning, the glory of the American way of life has been the encouragement of diversity of conscience, opinion and conviction, and American law is concerned with overt, illegal actions only."

Turning to the topic of church and state relations, Dr. Blake made

an analysis that separation does not necessarily mean indifference of one toward the other and irreligious secularism.

Aid Sent to Refugee Pastor Found on Formosa

Funds have been sent to the aid of Rev. Hsia Kuang Hsin, elderly Chinese Disciples of Christ pastor recently found to be living on the island of Formosa. Rev. Hsia is living under "difficult circumstances," Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of The United Christian Missionary Society, told the board of trustees at its September meeting.

Rev. Hsia formerly held a pastorate on the China mainland and is now "shepherding" some Disciples refugees on Formosa.

Missionaries' Daughter Learns American Ways

To children of missionaries, adjustments often have to be made to life in the United States.

Mary Kay Millard, daughter of Evert and Roberta Millard, missionaries to Jamaica, became ill with a high fever after the first day of Vacation Bible School at Columbia, Mo., last summer. For several days as her mother prepared her to go to church, Mary Kay became ill.

In Jamaica, Mary Kay had been warned not to drink water except where her parents consented. They had overlooked approving the Columbia city water supply, and Mary Kay suffered from thirst!



A children's class at Fairy Hill Christian Church in Jamaica meets outside. Mary Kay Millard is second from left.

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NURSERY TOYS — THANKS! From Come All Class

The women in charge of the Nursery wish to thank all our members for their generous contribution, last Sunday, for new toys. \$51.53 was received. A salute to Mrs. Thomas Yoder and Mrs. Jim Griffin who carried out the solicitation last Sunday.

ORCHIDS

Mr. Leslie C. Green and his committee did a marvelous job in voting the large congregation in half an hour. Special credit is due Mr. Green for the marvelous way he chairmanned this Committee under very hard circumstances.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Sunday, December 25

Parents and babies should be in Church Parlor by 11:15 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Our team again lost a game (57-33) to First Methodist. Next game is scheduled for Friday, December 16 at 7:45 in St. John's E. and R. Gym with St. John's E. and R. Team. Our scoring record so far 0-7.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Robert P. Jones is a patient in Room 249 Parkview Hospital.
Mrs. Ernest Kattas is a patient in Room 209 St. Joseph's Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THOSE IN GRIEF

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Fred Wilson and her family. Mr. Wilson was a member of our Church for many years. Also, our sympathy to Mr. Elmer Braun. Mrs. Braun was a member for many years. We express our sympathy to Mrs. John H. Baughman in the loss of her father. Also our sympathy to Mr. Floyd Boschet in the recent death of his sister.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER

Current Operating Account	\$1035.70
Building Fund Account	1568.31
Church School	95.71
Certificates	450.00
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	\$3149.72

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive will meet in the Chapel next Monday evening, December 19, at 7:15 P.M. Our regular meeting and Christmas program will be at 8 P.M. in the Church Parlor. The Nelson Circle is in charge of devotions. The Montgomery Circle has the program. Mrs. Wm. R. Love will give the story "The Littlest Angel" by Tazewell. Miss Barbara Griffith will play selections for Accordion. Miss Audrey Coburn will sing three solo numbers. Hospitality, Higdon Circle; Refreshments will be served by Fellowship Guild. Everyone is invited.

The C.W.F. Prayer group will meet at 7:30 P.M. Monday evening in the Church Parlor for a short 10 minute period. Mrs. Fern Teeple is in charge. Mrs. S. E. Merriman at the piano.

Mrs. E. G. Rose, World Call general chairman, reports a special offer for World Call subscriptions for Christmas gifts or family. This offer open until December 31. Price \$1.50 per year. If interested please call Mrs. Rose, H-4994, or contact your Circle W.C. Chairman.

\$103.00 was cleared on the Rummage sale last week. Thanks to Mrs. Wagner and her staff of workers, and to those who contributed.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

This Sunday Chancel flowers are in memory of Mr. Sherman G. Myers' mother.

THANKS TO — LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class gave a money gift of \$50 last week, to be applied on the building fund. We wish to thank these fine women for this generous gift.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Christmas Trees were placed and decorated by the "Come All" Class.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas may have a wistful meaning for many. For those who follow Him who is the Babe of Bethlehem, Christmas is a prophecy. When sensitive minds are shuddering and when gentle hearts are trembling at the possibilities of tomorrow. "God is loving us", is what the Cross of Calvary means. Christmas declares God is not a spectator. He is a participant in the struggle with evil, suffers with us. "God is loving us" spells the meaning of Christmas. In vivid language it promises peace, Christian homes, heavenly joy, when we glorify God and cherish good will for all mankind.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck
and Martha Jeannette Beck.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "Christ the Lord Is Born" Walter
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist High School Choir, Mrs. John Baughman, director
Sermon: "Christmas" Anthem: "Joyous Christmas Song" by Gevaert
Preacher—Our Pastor Sanctuary Choir. Miss Helen Flaig, director

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES — 11:00 A.M.

Parents, be sure to bring your children next Sunday morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Each Class be sure to meet your Christmas goals as given out last Sunday.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Trustees: Bertram W. Leversee, William H. Crouse; **Elders:** Robert E. Clipp, Dr. A. C. Worley, Owen O. Vaught, Hugh D. Rice, James R. Shockney, Bret Young, Dr. Frederick O. Mackel; **Deacons:** J. E. Weicker, W. H. Imbody, L. A. Horn, M. G. Heller, Dale C. Hiler, F. Wayne Rousseau, Clayton Yoquelet, Robert Rayl, J. H. Baughman, Ward W. Bundy, H. K. Pritchard, Myron M. Cole, Meldren S. Kreps, Harold L. Jackson; **Deaconesses:** Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Hugh D. Rice.

Church Treasurer: Eural G. Rose; **Financial Secretary:** Albert Egly; **Assistant Financial Secretaries:** Wm. H. Crouse, Homer H. Stevenson, Sherman G. Myers, Herman W. Sigrist; **Church Clerk:** Mrs. Owen O. Vaught; **Church School Co-Superintendents:** David A. Griggs, Grayston M. Cripe; **Church School Treasurer:** Donald E. Coffman.

Chairman, Official Board: David A. Griggs; **Vice-Chairman, Official Board:** Jack E. Weicker; **Chairman, Trustees:** Sherman G. Myers; **Chairman, Elders:** Bret R. Young; **Chairman, Deacons:** Harold K. Pritchard; **Chairman, Deaconesses:** Mrs. Glenn R. Miller.



Mrs. B. L. Jacobs, manager of the Nex-T-New Store, greets a neighbor and her son coming to buy clothes at the mission store. Churches send used clothing sold here.

Profit Is No Motive of Nex-T-New Store

The Nex-T-New Store at Mount Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss., provided good used clothing

at a minimum cost for some 3,000 persons in the year that ended June 30. Some of the larger low-income families in the area rely upon the low prices of the store to be able to afford to clothe themselves adequately. The function of the store is to provide clothing, and prices are charged primarily to sustain attitudes of self-support.

—News in Brief—

Mr. Ernest M. Norris has begun duties as new executive dean at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

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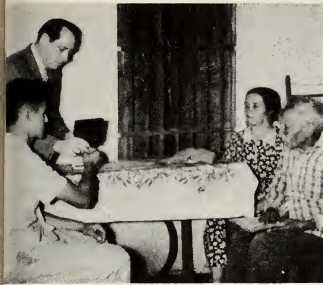
Fifty-nine churches of Disciples of Christ await arrival of European refugees whom they will resettle in the United States.

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A small, devout Christian group built a chapel at Daldaliquitan, a Philippine fishing village.

The store also furnishes clothing to enable several students each year to attend college. In the past year, it also reclothed persons following eight emergencies including fire.

Manager of the store is Mrs. B. L. Jacobs who also teaches women how to sew and mend clothes and to make quilts and rugs.



Mr. Tatlock serves communion in a home.

Attitudes of Children Improve, Say Parents

In Asuncion, Paraguay, the people served by Friendship Mission have commented on the growth and

improvement of attitudes expressed by their children. The change was observed particularly in children and youth who attended a Daily Vacation Bible School at the mission center this year in contrast to their behavior just a year ago.

Lloyd Tatlock, acting director of Friendship Mission, reports that it has achieved a respect throughout the capital city and also throughout the entire country.

Among mission services always in great demand are its baths, the only public ones in this big city with its large low-class population. Around 1,500 persons take advantage of the baths each month, and on week ends and before holidays, there are lines of people waiting for the showers.

Missionaries Franklin White (L), India, and Robert Nelson (R), Jamaica, discuss missions with Mrs. Lawrence Bash, a United Christian Missionary Society trustee.



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Looking Toward Christmas Through the Minister's Window

There are many joys from 1955 that flow in the minister's heart. 1955 is the 30th year of his ordination to the ministry and also 25th anniversary of his wedding. Imagine his surprise when as an anniversary gift his house was painted, a gift from Mr. Leon Johns, one of the best members and a deacon in the church.

How could he forget "Recognition Sunday", presided over by one of the greatest, if not the greatest, lawyer in our land, and a trustee of our church, Alexander C. Campbell of the lineage of the great Church father, Alexander Campbell. Equally fine were his associates, Mr. Maxwell P. Smith, attorney, Mrs. Fern Teeple and Mr. Sherman G. Myers. All the talks were recorded and given to the pastor.

Out of this grew a membership in The Mizpah Shrine with a beautiful pin from Robert E. Working. And then to be elected President of the Class, topped this experience!

What shall be said of the comfort of Christ in times of sorrow. Homes which were trembling and are now on a good foundation. People baptized, people received into the Church! The volunteer work of so many amazes and rejoices me. Think of those who did visitation evangelism. Think of our Co-Chairman Couples, our hospitality Committee, our Pastor's Committee, all have functioned magnificently. Much more could be related were there room.

Our music has gripped my heart this year, fine choir directors with loyalty. Junior, High School and Sanctuary choirs have performed reverently their function.

The minister rarely speaks of his family. But this year they have been superb.

Mrs. Beck fits into so many places in the community in the Y.W.C.A. Board, the College Club, with honor to family and to the church. Martha, president of the Youth Summer Conference, on the State Youth Committee, president of the C.Y.F. and in school winning recognition scholastically, and socially, singing in the Concert High School Choir, seriously accepts responsibility she is asked to assume.

I must speak my appreciation for our Church secretary, our custodian, the chairman of the Board, the workers in the Vacation School, teachers, officers that have cooperated. All this brings joy and puts a Christmas Carol in my heart.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

As the old saying goes, "If At First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try, Again." Well, we are still trying to win our first game. Although our record is low, 0-8, everyone is playing and enjoying the games. Due to the Holidays we will not play again until January 7th. 7:45 P.M. at St. John's against Third Presbyterian. Don. Our Junior High Basketball Team is in first place in the League.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BABIES

Daniel Lee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clendenen, December 14, 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen are the proud grandparents. Anita Louise, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Sunday afternoon, December 18, 1955 in Parkview Hospital, Room 215) The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER

	To Date For Year
General Operating Account	\$1739.05
Building Fund Account	1958.21
Church School	135.44
Certificates	450.00
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	\$4282.70
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	\$53,120.19

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Smith will provide flowers Sunday in memory of Marjorie Ann.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THOSE IN GRIEF

We express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harry Lomont in the recent death of her husband, Harry Lomont.



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NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY

In Washington, our Nation's Capitol, is a statue of Christopher Columbus. Here the great Discoverer is represented as claiming the Country in the name of his King. Little did he know of the marvelous resources of the great continent he has discovered. But whatever they were he dedicated them to the ruler and the nation to which he owed personal allegiance.

As this New Year opens, no one knows what is in store of either profit or loss. We have no light on any of the things the New Year may bring. But we know God's resources are more than equal to our needs.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: Selected
Anthem: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"
German Melody

Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Rev. David E. Sheeps

Sermon: In the Beginning God"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Be present in Class next Sunday

Let us keep up our attendance and offerings.

C.Y.F. — 6:00 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical will sponsor the group. All young people of High School age are invited to be present.

The chairman of the Board, Mr. Glenn R. Miller, received the following resignation from Rev. Robert T. Beck:

"This is to inform you that I have accepted the call to be the pastor of a church which has extraordinary fine laymen who are thoroughly committed to the missionary and co-operative work of our great Brotherhood. In becoming a pastor of this church it is with the conviction this church will become one of the great churches of our Brotherhood and that in this God has a job for me to do. In consequence of the above my work as a minister must end by December 31, 1955, and next Sunday will be the last Sunday I can officiate as your preacher.

Most sincerely yours,

Robert T. Beck."

We greatly appreciate the fine work Mr. Beck has done for our church during the past twelve years, especially for the starting of this fine church building and we wish him every success at his new call.

Our work here will go forward and we know his prayers for our success will be with us always.

Plan for College of Missions to Be Reactivated

Training of missionary candidates through the College of Missions will be expanded beginning in the

summer of 1956, according to plans approved for The United Christian Missionary Society. George Earle Owen, head of the United Society's department of missionary selection and training, has been named dean of the College of Missions.

Bible Book of the Month

The Bible Book of Galatians is a brief but passionate letter of the apostle Paul to defend his apostleship and to combat the work of certain persons who were trying to undermine his efforts in Galatia. This book is the selection suggested for reading this month by the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature.

Here Paul expresses a thoughtful idea of liberty.

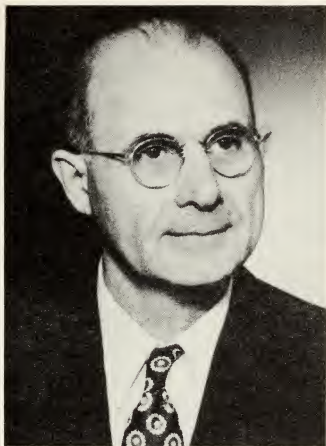
The college was founded in 1910 and functioned as a training school for missionaries until 1927. In that time it graduated 309 missionaries. Since then, missionary training has been carried on at colleges and universities throughout the nation.

College of Missions sessions are scheduled tentatively to reconvene at Crystal Beach, Mich., for a summer session.

James C. Penney, center, founder and board chairman of the J. C. Penney Company, Inc., receives a plaque from the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World. Presenting it is Rep. Ralph W. Gwinn. At left is J. Elmer Hahn, president of Lebanon Woolen Mills.

—RNS Photo





Above, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Hendricks, recipients of honors, led the reopening of Disciples of Christ mission work in Japan after World War II and also aid Kyodan.

Missionaries to Japan Are Awarded Honorary Degrees

Honorary doctorate degrees have been conferred upon Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Hendricks, long-time missionaries to Japan, by Northwest Christian College at Eugene, Ore. At the school's fall convocation on September 27, Mr. Hendricks received the Doctor of Divinity degree, and Mrs. Hendricks received the Doctor of Christian Education. The recipients, both graduates of the college, first went to Japan in 1921 and have recently returned there again following a furlough in the United States.

The presentation was made by Dr. Ross J. Griffith, president of Northwest Christian College.

In Japan, the Hendrickses live in Tokyo and are connected with the Margaret K. Long School (Joshi Seigakuin) for girls and Seigakuin

for boys, each Christian school enrolling some 1,000 students. They also give leadership in the growing United Church of Christ in Japan, the Kyodan.

Best New Hymns Written By Youth Being Selected

In conjunction with the annual observance of Youth Week by churches throughout North America, the Hymn Society of America and the United Christian Youth Movement of the National Council of Churches are concluding a contest for hymn lyrics on the 1956 theme, "Our Citizenship Under Christ."

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NOTES

We will have regular services here as usual with guest ministers, or an ad interim minister, to bring the message each Sunday until a new minister can be secured. A Pulpit Supply committee will be formed immediately for this purpose.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1ST

Elders serving next Sunday, January 1st: E. R. Baker and Hugh D. Rice.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Captain, William E. Tracey, H-28554; J. E. Weicker, H. C. Banet, D. E. Coffman, R. R. Ripple, Chas. W. Staley, E. W. Evans, Kenneth K. Kern, Leon H. Johns, Robert Rayl, M. S. Kreps, H. K. Pritchard.

If unable to serve, please call your Captains.

Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Deaconess for January.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Gish Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd at 1:45 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Scott Powers 345 W. Rudisill Blvd. Mrs. K. L. Edwards in charge of program; Mrs. Ray Woodhull, devotions.

The Dye Circle will meet at the Church Wednesday, January 4th at 1:30 P.M.

The Nelson Circle will meet on Wednesday evening, January 4th at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Ernest Pond, 4809 So. Calhoun Street.

The McGavran Circle have postponed their meeting until January 10th.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Dr. Thursday afternoon, January 5th, 1:30 P.M.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER

Current Operating Account	\$2255.76	\$23,397.81
Building Fund Account	2870.21	23,445.79
Church School	262.73	2,422.59
Total		\$5388.70
Certificates		\$49,266.19
		5,410.00
		<hr/> \$54,676.19

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. J. R. Coar is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 266.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THOSE IN GRIEF

Miss Emma Crabill, member of long standing, passed away Friday, December 23, 1955. Our sympathy goes out to her family in this time of sorrow.

THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,
Fresh from the hand of God.

Each day a precious pearl to you is given

That you must string upon the silver thread of life.

Once strung can never be unthreaded but stays

An undying record of your faith and skill . . .

I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months

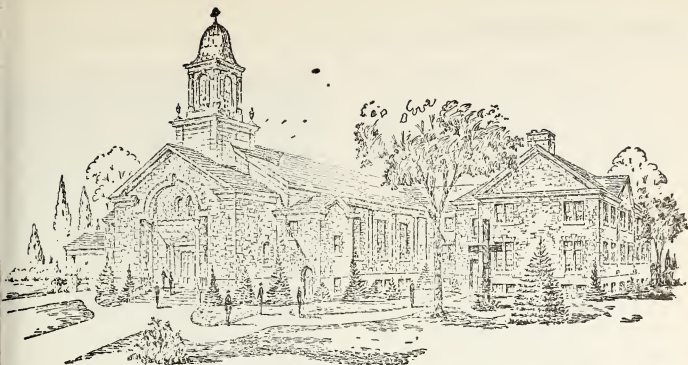
Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;

The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.

All that I have I give with love unspoken.

All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken.

—J. D. Templeton



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"The whole course of things goes to teach us faith. We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word . . . Place yourself in the middle of a stream of power and wisdom which flows into you as life, place yourself in the full center of that flood, then you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory: Selected
Anthem: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" German
Melody

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Guest Minister

Sermon: Dr. E. D. Lowe of Indianapolis

Wonderful service last Sunday. Fine attendance. Be in Church next Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

There are Classes for all age groups.

Be in your places next Sunday.

C. Y. F. — 6:00 P.M.

The C.Y.F. met last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harman. A buffet supper was served to 24 youth. The program topic presented was "High School is what we make it". The Worship and discussion period was led by the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical.

Election of officers was held and the following were elected: President: John Young; Vice-President: Daryl Stigers; Secretary: Nancy Hill; Treasurer: Marilyn Stigers; Worship Chairman, Arlene Smell; Enlistment Chairman, Martha Lehman; Recreation Chairman, Barbara Staley.

Next Sunday, January 8th, the members of the Christian Youth Fellowship will meet with Nancy Hill, 2134 Owassa Way from 6 to 8 P.M. All members and friends of Frist Christian Church of High School age are invited to attend. Those desiring transportation please meet at the church at 5:30 P.M. Sunday.

"Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts. None of us yet know, for none of us have been taught in early youth, what fairy palaces we may build of beautiful thought—proof against all adversity. Bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, faithful sayings, treasure-houses of precious and restful thoughts, which care cannot disturb, nor pain make gloomy, nor poverty take away from us—houses built without hands, for our souls to live in.

—John Ruskin

The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World

The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World is the topic that many church groups are beginning to study in line with the current

interest in foreign missions. The study recognizes that there are many kinds of revolutions in addition to military and political going on in the world today. It attempts to present facts and suggestions by which Christians can help turn revolutionary forces to gains for Christ.

Schedule Fourth National Youth Workers' School

The fourth National Training School for Adult Workers with Youth has been scheduled for Oct. 29-Nov. 8, 1956, and will be held at McLemore Avenue Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. The school will be directed by Walter Lantz, national director of youth leadership training and field program in The United Christian Missionary Society, and Ray L. Henthorne, editor of *Front Rank*.

Among Disciples of Christ, the study is planned and materials are being used so that it can continue for six months, ending in June.

This topic is also being studied in churches of other Protestant communions and was selected by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education in which Disciples of Christ are represented.

The foreign missions theme follows a study of Indian Americans.

Malcolm Norment, director of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, and an assistant weigh in fish paid in lieu of money for fees for children living at the mission.





On a rare occasion, two national directors of men's work team up to meet with church men. Seated is Mark Rutherford, and speaking is Jack A. Sutton, Jr.

RSV Bibles Are Bought At Rate of Two a Minute

Sales of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have passed the 3,600,000 mark making it the world's all-time best seller. At this rate, an RSV edition is being bought at a rate averaging one sale every 30 seconds.

In announcing total sales up to the end of August, Dr. Luther A. Weigle, who was chairman of the group of 32 scholars who produced the up-to-date translation, said the Revised Standard Version is now used exclusively for Sunday schools of 15 denominations with an enrollment of 15,000,000 persons in the United States and Canada.

With signs, police at Nashville, Tenn., encourage University of Tennessee students to hitch-hike to church.

—RNS Photo

Layman Gives Michigan Summer Home to Disciples' Missionary Agency

The United Christian Missionary Society has received a gift of the Crystal Beach, Mich., summer home of Albert H. Martin of Grand Rapids, Mich. A layman in the Central Christian Church in Grand Rapids, Mr. Martin is also a trustee of the United Society.

The gift includes a cottage and a boathouse large enough to accommodate group meetings.

When the College of Missions reopens its teaching schedule next summer, it is expected that sessions will be held at the Crystal Beach cottage which is on the Disciples' state camp grounds there.



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MEN'S FORUM SUNDAY 5 to 7 P.M.

A program is being arranged for Sunday evening, which we are sure will be of interest to our men. Program: Color film "Riding High" a story of Trail riders in the Canadian Rockies. Mr. Donald C. Smith, Charles Fuchshuber, Lawrence Horn and Myron Cole will serve as Food committee. All men are invited.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Donna Leversee and Melvin Evans will be united in marriage on Saturday, January 14th at 6:30 P.M. All members and friends are invited to attend the wedding.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, 4002 So. Hoagland Ave. on Tuesday, January 9th at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, leader.

The Esther Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Egly, 1927 No. Wells Street, January 9, for a carry-in dinner. Devotions and study period will follow. Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, leader.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hutchinson, 301 E. Fleming, Monday evening, January 9th at 8 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, Leader Mrs. T. R. Eiler.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles R. Ludwig, 4821 Gaywood Dr., Tuesday evening, January 10th, at 8 P.M.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Eural G. Rose, 4001 Arlington Ave., Monday evening, January 9th at 7:30 P.M.

OFFERINGS JANUARY 1st

Current Operating	\$ 650.16
Building Fund	657.25
Church School	30.30

\$1337.71

Certificates (Gifts to Church)	300.00
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TOTAL.....\$1637.71

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend sincerest sympathy to Mrs. John F. Hechler in the recent death of her brother, Mr. Austin Baehr.

ELDERS SERVING JANUARY 8

Charles E. Fuchshuber and Grayston M. Cripe.

NOTES

Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist is vacationing in Phoenix, Arizona. You may reach her at 372 North Second Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson are now living at 922 Indian School Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

We will have regular services here as usual with guest ministers, or an ad interim minister, to bring the message each Sunday until a new minister can be secured. A Pulpit Supply committee will be formed immediately for this purpose.

Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich is new grandmother. Mother and Babe are doing nicely. The Martin C. Brudi's are the proud parents of a new Babe born last week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and well wishes to Mr. Preston H. Somers, at his 80th birthday which was the occasion of his retirement from business after more than 50 years service as salesman for Patterson-Fletcher Company.



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To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clean mind; to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind, and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done—this is how I desire to waste wisely my days.

—Thomas Dreier.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "There Were Ninety And Nine",
Miss Audrey Coburn, Soloist

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Anthem: "The Eternal Life" by Gaul
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon by Guest Minister.

Our attendance at Morning Worship is very gratifying. Be in Church next Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes for all ages. You are cordially welcome.

Be in your places next Sunday.

Junior Choir meets for rehearsal on Wednesday afternoons at 4 P.M. Miss Audrey Coburn, Director.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will hold an election of officers next Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. The Class would like to have all members present to vote for their officers.

C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. Youth group met last Sunday evening at the home of Miss Nancy Hill. Lunch was served to 26. Following the lunch period John Young, president, presided over the meeting. The Worship service, entitled "Pointing Upward" was presented by the Worship chairman, Miss Arlene Smell. Following a group song fest, a beautiful candlelight service of installation for the new officers and committee chairmen was conducted by the sponsors. The remainder of the evening was in charge of Recreation committee.

Next Sunday evening, January 15th, the C.Y.F. group will meet at the home of Marta and John Lehman, 4814 Calumet, from 6 to 8 P.M. The program subject will be, "God . . . Does He Care". All boys and girls of High School age who do not belong to another youth group are most cordially invited.



In behalf of the Christian Women's Fellowship in the Philippines, Mrs. Solomon presents a Christian flag to Mrs. Munakato at Laoag. Rev. Juan Santos is at right.

Philippine Disciples Help Christian Unity Move

Disciples of Christ in the Philippines are taking part in organizing the New All-Ilocano Convention of

the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. The first convention is meeting at Tagudin in Ilocos Sur province from Nov. 25-27.

Pageant Highlights Hazel Green Celebration

In 34 pageant scenes, the history of the Hazel Green, Ky., community was portrayed Saturday evening, Aug. 13, as a highlight of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Disciples of Christ home mission institution of Hazel Green Academy there. The pageant, held in a natural amphitheatre, drew a crowd from a radius of several hundred miles.

The convention makes possible a larger and closer fellowship among churches in the area and a large united force for evangelism and service. For Disciples, this cooperation is in keeping with a strong historic belief that God intends Christians to be united.

Only those churches of Disciples of Christ in the Ilocano-speaking northern section of Luzon island are taking part in this new development which is sponsored by the North Central Conference of the United Church movement.

Junior High and Senior High Youth Top \$100,000 World Fund Goal

Far exceeding the goal, Christian youth put \$116,190.72 into the Christian World Friendship Fund (CWFF) during the 1954-55 missionary year. The goal was \$100,000.

The overwhelming participation of 2,942 youth groups in churches of Disciples of Christ increased the funds they made available for Christian work by nearly a fourth more than the previous year. The aver-



CWFF for Christian World Friendship

age gift to CWFF amounted to sixty-six cents per person; however, youth in Wyoming gave at the rate of \$2.26 each. Mississippi youth made the largest increase over the previous year, and Texas had the most groups, 314, giving to CWFF.

Of the total, \$85,404 are tagged for foreign missions, home missions and Christian education, carried on through The United Christian Missionary Society.

Church Men Continue Active Projects

Christian Men's Fellowships continue to take active leadership in the work of their local churches across the nation.

The men at Arlington, Calif., put in about 6,325 hours of labor in helping build a new educational unit for the church.

At Damascus Christian Church, Griffin, Ga., men conduct a church visitation on Thursday nights.

The C.M.F. at Westwood Christian Church, Kansas City, Kans., sent two delegates to the International Sunday School Convention in Cleveland in July.

The Kingshighway Christian Church C.M.F., Shreveport, La., is contributing \$1,750 for every new church organized in the state.

A men's chorus has been formed at the Falmouth, Ky., Christian Church.

American evangelist, Dr. Billy Graham visits with World Council of Churches' general secretary Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft at the Council's Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva, Switzerland.

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A PRAYER

Dear God, give us strength to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed. Give us courage to change the things that can and should be changed. And give us wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

—Admiral Thomas C. Hart.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive will meet at 1:15 P.M. next Monday, January 16th in the Chapel. The general meeting will be at 2 P.M. in the Church Parlor. All Women are cordially invited. There will be a short business meeting followed by a Worship period by the McGavran Circle. A fine program is being prepared with special music by Mrs. Lawrence A. Horn. The Dye Circle is in charge of hospitality and refreshments will be served by the Gish Circle.

WEDDING BELLS

The wedding of Miss Donna Leversee and Melvin Evans will be solemnized this Saturday, January 14, at 6:30 P.M. All members and friends of the Church are invited to attend.

A CORRECTION

Mr. Arthur Bearhs, brother of Mrs. John F. Hechler, is a patient in Lutheran Hospital having undergone serious surgery several weeks ago. Our prayers go out to him and his family.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Neil Allen is quite ill with virus pneumonia. She is at home.
Mrs. Donald Gerber is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 361.
Mr. Theodore Stefanski is ill in Parkview Hospital.
Mr. Preston H. Somers is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital, Room 475.
Mrs. J. R. Coar is still in St. Joseph's. Mr. Coar has returned home.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Z Berlien are confined to their home.
Our choir director, Miss Flaig, has been ill.

OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY

Current Operating Account	\$1058.91
Building Fund Account	1484.25
Church School	77.20
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	\$2620.36
Certificates	300.00
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	\$2920.36

ELDERS SERVING JANUARY 15

Bret R. Young and Owen O. Vaught.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

January 23, 1956 — 6:30

It is always a good thing for a Church to have representatives attend the Annual Dinner of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. In this way we keep informed of our work in the Community. The Annual meeting this year will be held at First Methodist Church, January 23rd at 6:30 P.M. A special feature this year will be a short address by Walter R. Hand, the new Executive Secretary of the Indiana Council of Churches and music by one of the High School Choirs. Dinner is \$1.35. Reservations must be in by the 19th. Please call the office before that date.

NEWS ITEMS

Please keep the office informed of news items. Call in names of our sick. All items for the Tidings should be in by 4 p.m. Tuesday.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

In city and country, at home and abroad, Christian people are carrying loads too great for them. They need help. Recruits are needed to share their tasks. Some are burdened by hampering restrictions. Let us pray for all burdened people that God may give them the power that brings freedom to the spirit. May they have enabling power to preach, to heal, to teach, to proclaim the Kingdom of God. May all our hearts be filled with the love of which Paul wrote: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Walk In Jerusalem, Just Like John"
Quartet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cocherille, Mr. J. Fred Smell
Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" Handel
Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Be in Church next Sunday

Sermon by Guest Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 AM.

The Junior Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, February 1st at 4 P.M.
Miss Audrey Coburn, Director.

C.Y.F. — 6-8 P.M.

The C.Y.F. met last Sunday evening at the home of Marta and John Lehman. A very fine lunch was served to 22. Following the worship and program, a scavenger hunt was held which was a most enjoyable affair.
Next Sunday, January 22, the C.Y.F. will meet from 6 to 8 P.M. at the home of Miss Sharon Richhart, 2714 Maumee Ave. The topic of the program is "Do We Have What It Takes". A very interesting playlet will be presented depicting what it takes to be one of Jesus' followers. Daryl Stigers and Robin Miller will be in charge of the program. All boys and girls of High School age are most cordially invited to attend. Those in need of transportation next Sunday, please meet PROMPTLY at 5:30 P.M. at the church.

A REMINDER

The Annual meeting of the Associated Churches is next Monday evening, January 23, at First Methodist Church, at 6:30 P.M. Dinner \$1.35. It is important that we have representatives from our church at this dinner.



Christians unite in the Lord's Supper following a baptismal service at Nakon Pathom, Thailand. Thai and non-Thai Christians form a growing church in Thailand.

American Congregation Unites with Thai Church

For the first time, an English-speaking Union Church in a non-English country has become fully affiliated with the Christian body

of that country. The International Church in Bangkok, Thailand, unanimously has voted itself into the United Church of Christ in Thailand.

—News in Brief—

Lima, Peru, is a Sunday stop scheduled for the Latin American missions tour party in April. Rev. Herbert T. Chase, a Disciples of Christ minister, is pastor of the American union church in Lima.

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Feb. 17 is World Day of Prayer.

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On mission fields of Disciples of Christ, 6,325 persons were baptized during the 1954-55 year.

Bangkok has a strong and growing Christian community, and five Disciples of Christ missionaries are stationed there at present. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Sams, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sewell, and Mr. David Luo. Being the Thai capital city, Bangkok has a large foreign population engaged in international business. Disciple missionaries there, however, are studying and ministering to the Thai population.

There are now some 75 churches for Americans living overseas in non-English speaking countries.

Youth Week Raises Some Problems of Citizenship

Christian Youth Fellowships, Chi Rho Fellowships and other Christian Church youth groups are exploring the idea of patriotism for its Christian content. This investigation is being made by youth groups in churches nationwide of some 35 Protestant bodies, and it is part of the educational program of



Youth Week, 1956

"Our Citizenship under Christ"

Youth Week, being held Jan. 29-Feb. 5. The theme of this, the thirteenth annual Youth Week is *Our Citizenship under Christ*.

Since Youth Week is to train young people for Christian citizenship and leadership, churches are giving them many positions of leadership throughout the week in leading church worship, teaching classes, doing work projects, and taking part in inter-church observances.

Nationally, Youth Week is promoted by the United Christian Youth Movement.

All Peoples Center Staff Makes Self-Study Survey To Help Develop Service

The staff of All Peoples Community Center, in Los Angeles, is taking new spirit into its service following a study it has made into its program, rising community needs, and staff preparation. For the Disciples of Christ urban center, two staff members, Miss Mildred Sirls and Mr. Charles Johnson, led the self-study survey.

Founded in 1924, as Japanese Christian Institute, All Peoples Center and Christian Church serves a cosmopolitan area of swelling population undergoing a great social readjustment and looking to the center for help.

Director Dan Genung, center, of All Peoples Community Center and Christian Church, confers with two community workers.



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TIME

There is nothing of which we are apt to be so lavish as of time, and about which we ought to be more solicitous; since without it we can do nothing in this world.

—William Penn.

Know the true value of time! Snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

—Lord Chesterfield.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express deep and sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller and family, in the recent loss of a baby son and grandson, Donald. This loss was sudden and it is our prayer that God will sustain these parents in the dark days which lie ahead.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Kenneth Stickler and Mrs. Don J. Eyer and their families in the recent loss of their mother, Mrs. George Sellers.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Paul Truby entered Lutheran Hospital this week for observation and surgery. Mrs. Robert Scott was ill last week at home, suffering with bursitis.

Mrs. Mae Sheline has been ill at her home, 4125 Warsaw St.

Mr. Coar is home and greatly improved. We were happy to see him in Church last Sunday.

JANUARY OFFERINGS

Current Operating Account	\$1561.22
Building Fund Account	1770.75
Church School	118.32
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	\$3450.29
Certificates (gifts)	300.00
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	\$3750.29

ELDERS SERVING JANUARY 22

James R. Shockney and David A. Griggs.

MEMBERSHIP VISITATION

It is gratifying to report that our calling committee are faithfully on the job, and we believe that much good is being accomplished. Let us carry on with our calling until all members have been visited.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.F.W. meeting was held this week with a splendid program. Those unable to be present missed a rare treat. Rev. Forrest Weddle, a member of the Faculty of the Fort Wayne Bible College was our guest speaker. Many scenes of London, Rome, Egypt and the Holy Land were shown. These pictures were taken by Mr. Weddle while he was making a trip thru the Holy Land last year. Mrs. L. A. Horn sang lovely hymns, the devotions were given by Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, and the Gish Circle served delicious refreshments. It was decided during the business that the March meeting would be held on March 14th. Please keep this change of date in mind.

TRUE RELIGION

Religion is not a method; it is a life, a communion with God, a calm and deep enthusiasm, a love which radiates, a force which acts, a happiness which overflows.

—H. F. Amiel

NEWS ITEMS

Please keep the office informed of news items. Call in names of our sick. All items for the Tidings should be in by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

VISITATION COMMITTEE — FINAL REPORT MEETING

Monday evening, January 30 at 9 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.



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CHRISTIAN YOUTH WEEK — JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 1956

Fortunately for us and our world, youth is not easily discouraged. Youth with its clear vista and boundless faith and optimism is uninhibited by the thousands of considerations that always trouble man in his progress. The hopes of the world rest on the flexibility, vigor, capacity for new thought, the fresh outlook of the young . . . Youth must always carry the burden of enforcing and realizing bold decisions. Older men, drawing on years of experience and knowledge of the world, may fix the line we must attain, behind which we may not compromise. But it is the young who must maintain that line.

The future is the special province of the young, of you and your companions throughout the land! Schooled in the lessons of the past, unafrighted by the present, you look ahead with confidence.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:45 A. M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offerory: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Gabriel

Mrs. L. R. Mote, Contralto

Anthem: "Sanctus" by Gounod

Robert E. Cocherille, Tenor

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: Dr. D. Ervin Sheets, Guest Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Attendance has been very good. Be in YOUR Class next Sunday.
The Junior choir will rehearse next Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 1, at 4 o'clock.

C.Y.F. 6 - 8 P.M.

The C.Y.F. met with Sharon Richhart, January 22nd. During the business meeting conducted by Daryl Stigers, plans were made for the observance of Youth Week, January 29 to February 5th. Sunday morning the following High School boys will usher: John Young, John Johnston, Allan Flowers, Larry Carson and Fred VanFossen. The following boys will participate in taking the morning offering: John Lehman, Robin Miller, Bill Kreps, Steven Coleman, Sylvan Young, Merle Rice, Dale Hiler, Jr., Dwight Flowers and Daryl Stigers. The High School boys and girls will set together during Church service, other than those singing in the choir.

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. the First Christian High School group will be Hosts in Fellowship Hall, to the C.Y.F. Youth from Central Christian Church, Huntington, Indiana. A fine program has been prepared. Robert Cocherille will direct the Youth in a song fest. Mothers helping serve the dinner are: Mrs. H. J. Lehman, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Harold Stigers and Mrs. Ethel Richhart.

The C.Y.F. will close with a Friendship Circle and with prayer.



—RNS Photo

The Greek Orthodox church in Bosphorus, Turkey, above, was among over 50 churches mobbed in Turkish political riots in October. Aid to Turkish Christians is one of many urgent needs for Week of Compassion offerings to relieve world suffering.

Week of Compassion to Aid Near East Christians

Destruction estimated at some \$150,000,000 was inflicted by political riots in Turkey in October upon

property of Christians. Embarrassed, the Turkish government is assuming the cost of much reconstruction, and Disciples of Christ, through Week of Compassion offerings in February, are cooperating with world Protestantism to pay for emergency aid rushed to Turkey by the World Council of Churches which is doing rehabilitation work there now.

—News in Brief—

Tougaloo Southern Christian College has expanded its religion and philosophy courses to sixteen.

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An urgent "Care-Share" is the slogan for the Week of Compassion.

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The first four refugees to be resettled in the U.S.A. by Disciples of Christ have arrived.

Rioting broke out following disputes between Greece and Turkey over the island of Cyprus. Property vandalized was mostly that of Greek Orthodox churches, but some 2,000 Christian families were left destitute also.

Studies in Christianity Expanded at Tougaloo

An A.B. degree in philosophy and religion is now being offered to students by Tougaloo Southern Christian College, at Tougaloo, Miss. In September, a new department of philosophy and religion was added under the chairmanship of Dr. Carlton L. Lee who is in his first year on the faculty. All T.S.C.C. students are required to include at least six semester hours to study in religion in basic education courses needed for academic degrees.

The new head of the new department, Dr. Lee, earned M.A., and Ph.D. and B.D. degrees at the University of Chicago. He has written widely for religious journals and prior to joining the Tougaloo

Southern faculty was chaplain at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., for six years.

Leading Layman Authors "How To" Book on Better Churchmanship for Men

Churchmen now have a handbook to aid them in carrying out services to their churches and communities. The book is entitled *Guidance Material for Men* and includes sections on church program, evangelism, stewardship, and other phases of church development in which men's groups usually take much leadership.

The author, Jack A. Sutton, Jr., is an effective Disciples of Christ layman. A former heating and electrical engineer, he is now on the national staff of men's work of The United Christian Missionary Society. He writes from long association with churchmen.

Christians from Caribbean

Puerto Rican Americans are immigrating to the United States mainland at a rate as high as 2,000 persons per month. The same figure is given in an estimate of the number already on the continent from churches of Disciples of Christ on the island.

For the newcomers, there are six known Puerto Rican Christian Churches in New York City and others as far west as Ohio. Also there are integrated churches which hold duplicate worship services in English and in Spanish. In New York City, The United Christian Missionary Society helps support Jose Negron, a pastor-social worker, and Jose Ortiz, pastor of Third Church.



—Black Star Photo

Callers from Second Christian Church, Bronx, N. Y., visit newcomers to the borough. Immigrants who are Christian often want to affiliate with churches soon.

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U.C.Y.M.

The annual city-wide United Christian Youth Movement Banquet will be held Thursday night, February 2, at the First Methodist Church. Dinner is \$1.25. Reservations must be in by January 30th. Call Miss Alice Lowry, the Director of Youth Work at the First Presbyterian Church. Miss Lowry is U.C.Y.M. Advisor. The Speaker at the banquet will be Dr. J. W. Meister, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Entertainment will be provided by the Boys quartette from the South Side High School Choir. We are urged to have as many young people out for the banquet as possible. First Christian should definitely be represented.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Well, at long last our season is over and we ended up with an 0-12 record. We never won a game but I think every fellow felt that we had won each game in all around good play, fun and sportsmanship. I never enjoyed playing with a better bunch of guys before. My thanks to all the following players: Dale Hiler, Dick Norton, Jerry Elser, Bob Gardner, Howard Hamilton, Phil Riterman, Dave Holton, Don Neal, Dick Saalfrank. Also, the whole team expresses their appreciation to the Church and Men's Forum for their financial aid in paying our entry fees. We also wish best of luck to our High School and Junior League teams who are in their respective tournaments. To put a happy ending to our season Dick and Marge Norton are having a team party at their home this Saturday at 8 P.M.—Don Miller.

ATTENTION! MEMBERS

In recent issues of Life Magazine articles on Christianity and World Religions have been carried. We would like to secure one copy of each magazine carrying one of these articles on religion. These will be placed in the Church library to be used for reference purposes. Any one who might like to present the church with one or more of this series, may bring the magazines to the church.

OFFERING FOR JANUARY

Current Operating Expense	\$1889.58
Building Fund Account	1829.50
Church School	158.90
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ELDERS SERVING JANUARY 29

John S. Craig and John E. Merrill

CHRISTIAN WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 1, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Maude Thurman is assistant hostess. Mrs. Charles Lee Green will give devotions, Mrs. David Hogg, program.

The Nelson Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Crowder, 447 Lenox Ave., Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st, at 8 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Olos Fox; Program by Mrs. Phillip Uhl.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul E. Truby, 440 Englewood Court, Thursday, February 9th, at 1:30 P.M.

VISITATION COMMITTEE — FINAL REPORT MEETING

Monday evening, January 30 at 9 o'clock in Fellowship Hall.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. G. B. Martin, 2717 Julian St., is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Clark Hiler is a patient in Parkview Hospital and has undergone surgery.

Mrs. Charles R. Cook is ill at her home.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson are located at 704 E. Speedway, Tuscon, Ariz.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz Ave., Friday evening, February 3rd, at 7:30 P.M.



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PRAYER

Prayer is not only worship; it is also an invisible emanation of man's worshipping spirit—the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as that of secreting glands. Its results can be measured in terms of increased physical buoyancy, greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships.

If you make a habit of sincere prayer, your life will be very noticeably and profoundly altered. Prayer stamps with its indelible mark our actions and demeanor. A tranquillity of bearing, a facial and bodily repose, are observed in those whose inner lives are thus enriched . . . Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity . . . It is the only power in the world that seems to overcome the so-called "laws of nature"; the occasions on which prayer has dramatically done this have been termed "miracles." But a constant, quieter miracle takes place hourly in the hearts of men and women who have discovered that prayer supplies them with a steady flow of sustaining power in their daily lives.

—Alexis Carrel

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soprano

Anthem: "Brother James' Air" by Jacob

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: Rev. A. B. Robertson, Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 6 - 8 P.M.

In observance of Youth Week, besides a number of the High School group serving during Morning Worship, our local C.Y.F. was host to the C.Y.F. group from Central Christian Church, Huntington. There were 64 present, 15 from Huntington. Following the dinner hour Robert Cocherille led the song fest accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Cocherille. An interesting lesson and devotion was presented by the Huntington group. Barbara Staley and Peggy McFarland were in charge of recreation.

Next Sunday, February 5th, the Youth Group will meet with Carolyn Cline from 6 to 8 P.M. Any one desiring transportation please meet at the church at 5:30 P.M. The lesson topic is "You Are What You Read". The group will be divided into three groups who will each have a seven minute "buzz" session to



At Lamao, Abra, Philippines, Filipinos chat at the artesian well developed by a Disciple missionary. The man in the center fills a hollow bamboo stalk with water.

Christians See Public Wells Vital to Philippines

Drilling public wells is one of the key projects to build democracy "from the bottom up" in the Philippines. In this phase of a Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, the government of President Ramon Magsaysay makes a national program of attempts by Christian missions and village leaders to get unpolluted water. One forerunner was a project of a former Disciples of Christ missionary, W. H. Fonger, in Abra district of northern Luzon.

The struggle to help rural people maintain good health is one of the crucial problems of missionaries in ministering. Water-borne disease

is common among the three-fourths of the 20,000,000 Filipinos who rely on water supplies that are polluted or questionable. In addition, disease is attended by superstition, ignorance, poverty and instability.

Public wells are recognized as places where much teaching and opinion develops. Their importance as places for Christian witness is enforced by the opportunities Jesus found at wells in Palestine and by other Biblical references.

Disciple missionaries continue to work for supplies of pure water for both physical and religious health in the Philippines.

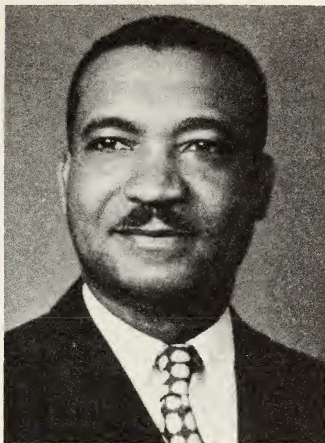
Two First-Century Christian Letters Are Suggested Bible Reading

Two letters of early Christian correspondence make good reading next in the plan of Bible study suggested by the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature among Disciples of Christ. The letters are 1 and 2 Timothy.

The writer gives head-on answers to some basic problems. The Commission assists readers with two questions: What problems do the letters consider? What qualifications should officers of the church possess?

Some parts of the letters, the Commission says, may be so vivid or important to readers that they may want to underscore them.

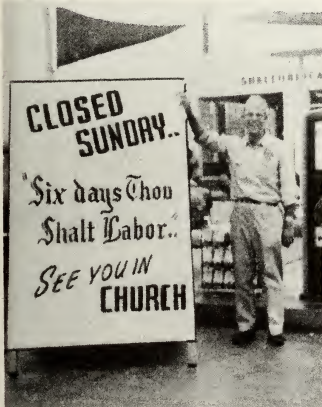
The book next month is Jeremiah.



Dr. Cleo Blackburn, above, and businessmen are developing fundamental education.

Elwin Boice, co-owner and manager of a Los Angeles gas station, invites customers to Christian observance of Sundays.

—RNS Photo



Reader's Digest Article Cites Disciple Educator

Reader's Digest has featured an article on Dr. Cleo Blackburn, president of Jarvis Christian College, Disciples of Christ school at Hawkins, Texas. Writer Stanley High, in the November issue, cites Dr. Blackburn for his development of the \$14,000,000 Fundamental Education program. The "pilot" centers are Jarvis College and Flanner House, a former Disciples mission center in Indianapolis and which Dr. Blackburn also directs.

In fundamental education, economically handicapped people are taught skills to help them make better use of opportunities around them.

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discuss (1) extra curricula reading (2) influence of reading (3) finding GOOD reading. The purpose of this particular lesson is to find the Christian approach to the selection of reading materials and to realize the influence of reading on the personality and future of the Youth.

We are very proud of our former President of C.Y.F., Dale Hiler Jr., who served at the Morning worship Youth service last Sunday and at 1 P.M. appeared on WKJG-TV with the Junior Achievement Program. Dale is Vice-Pres. of the Junior Board of Achievement.

There will be 5 from our C.Y.F. attend the UCYM meeting Thursday evening.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 5—Robert Clipp, Cecil Rice; Feb. 12—Dr. A. C. Worley, B. W. Leversee; Feb. 19—Hugh D. Rice, C. E. Fuchshuber; Feb. 26—Grayston Cripe, E. R. Baker.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Captain Wm. Caldwell, H-4920; John C. Cole, Merland G. Heller, J. L. Brubaker, T. D. Eddleman, Dale C. Hiler, J. J. McCarel, Arthur C. Lyon, John F. Hechler, Phillip Uhl, Wm. J. Olsen, R. H. Cole, M. F. Morkoetter.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Drive, February 7 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. K. L. Edwards, program; Mrs. Ray Woodhull, devotions.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, 1308 E. Wayne St. Tuesday, February 7 at 1:30 P.M.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul E. Truby, 440 Englewood Ct. Thursday, February 9, 1:30 P.M.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. John Olson, 4301 S.E. Anthony Wayne Dr. at Lutheran Hospital. Also, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert North, 4221 Robinwood Dr. St. Joseph's Hospital. A little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Webster, 508 Lavina St. at St. Joseph's Hospital—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber are the proud grandparents

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Miss Rebecca Buskirk has been a patient in 458 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. J. Z. Berlien is a patient in 173 Lutheran Hospital.

Friends will be interested to know that Mr. Geo. Meyers, Grover Hill, is ill at his home.

JANUARY OFFERINGS

Current Operating Account	\$2216.53
Building Fund Account	2340.25
Church School	207.45

\$4764.23

Certificates	300.00
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\$5064.23

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Our FLORAL CALENDAR for 1956 is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Those wishing to present flowers to the church in honor of a birthday or anniversary, or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the calendar, designating the Sunday, or call the Office H-6222.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

I think all those people who were in Church last Sunday thoroughly enjoyed the singing by soloists and Sanctuary choir. We are now joined by the young people who were the High School Choir. I know that each group helped the other, both in quantity and quality. We of the Sanctuary choir extend an open invitation to all people from High School on up to come and join us, share in the singing and in our social pleasures. We have the best of directors in Miss Helen Flaig, and with her to lead us, we will reach higher goals in our church service. Rehearsals all held at 7:30 P.M. sharp every Thursday, and 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning. Come and enjoy, COME and SING.

—Don Miller, President



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To All of First Church Membership. Greeting to each of you. It is a pleasure to be among you and serve as your minister for a time. My one hope is to know you personally, for it is out of such a relationship that warmth of heart comes. Truth is, it will not be possible to minister to you in an adequate way without this personal relationship. It will be good to visit in your homes, chat at the close of Morning Service, or, when about the church, just drop in the office for I love to meet people and talk with them about the Church or their families. All of us have three important things in our life. Our family, our work and our church. They are interdependent and neither can be neglected without injury to the other two. So when meeting me any place make yourself known and don't be backward about it. I am not a bit hard to know, so please try it.

The next two months are important in the work of the Church for all that we plan will be leading up to Easter Sunday. It is a time of decisions. It will mean a spiritual birthday for some, others will be having a family gathering, recounting their blessings and become a part of the spirit of the day.

Please don't count me a stranger. I could not be that in the "household of Faith". Let's recognize our family relationship and widen the circle a bit by taking me in.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory: "O Rest in the Lord" from "Elijah"
by Mendelssohn. Miss Audrey Coburn, Contralto
Anthem: "He, Watching Over Israel" Mendelssohn
Miss Helen Flaig, Director
A. B. Robertson, Minister

Sermon: "Five Great Continents"

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday Evening 5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. Bill Bennett, associated with TWA, is the guest speaker for next Sunday Men's Forum. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have recently toured Switzerland and Mr. Bennett will show films of their trip. They are members of the Come-Double Class. This will be a very interesting program. Those on the Food Committee are: Wm. H. Crouse, Bret Young, Chrmn., and C. E. Buskirk. There will be a short business session and Election of Officers for 1956.

Religion Is Necessary in a Complete Education

As institutions, public schools and churches are to be kept separated, declares a report of the National

Conference on Religion and Public Education, held in St. Louis, Nov. 6-8. Deliberating the relationships of religious and public education were some 200 leaders of both fields. Among them were eight Disciples of Christ.

—News in Brief—

Young people of Christian Churches (Disciples) are joining in area meets stressing world fellowship during February and March. Some meets were held last fall.

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Disciples' Latin American tour in April will celebrate Pan-American Day in Asuncion, Paraguay.

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The Belgian government has agreed to pay up to 80% of costs for new mission schools in Congo.

While upholding separation of the institutions, one of the ten study groups affirmed that religious truth, as a part of America's heritage of truth, should not be excluded where relevant to the subject matter of public education. Religion can be taught so as not to serve sectarian needs, another study observed, and the Bible is a good reference for effective study of some subjects. The conference referred its findings to the National Council of Churches.

Artist Dean Fauset completes a mural in the New York City headquarters of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the World Brotherhood Movement.

—RNS Photo



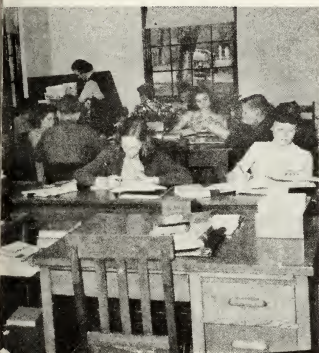
Athlete Chooses Ministry

Ricardo Antonelli, a sophomore athlete at Colegio Ward in Buenos Aires, Argentina, aspires to be a minister among Disciples of Christ in his country. A consistent winner in 100 and 200 meter races for the school track team, Ricardo also earned the highest grade average in his class last year.

According to American Disciple missionary Leonard Vaughn, Ricardo distinguishes himself as secretary of the Villa Mitre Christian Church school and as a participant in other church affairs.



An athlete and student, Ricardo Antonelli is a top Argentine church youth.



Hazel Green Academy students "cram" before exams at the end of first semester.

cal education program, under the direction of Bernard "Ernie" O'Donnell, is under way for the first time. It includes classes and intramural games. The school has had a varsity basketball team for several years, but until this year had no one devoted to expanding the physical education program.

Girls living in a school dormitory are enjoying the extensive renovation of the building which included painting, plastering, and tiling floors with linoleum.

The center is being directed by Mr. and Mrs. George Breece this year while Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stovall, directors of the Disciples' home mission institution at Hazel Green, Ky., are on educational leave.

Hazel Green Academy is soon to be served by the new Hazel Green Christian Church (Disciples) now under construction near by.

Students Gain by Academy Improvements

Dormitories are full to capacity at Hazel Green Academy this year as a record 111 students are enrolled in the school. Also a physi-

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

The C.Y.F. met at the home of Carolyn Cline last Sunday evening. There was good attendance in spite of illness and the weather. During the business session tentative plans were made for a sleigh ride. Next Sunday evening, February 12th, the High School group will meet in the home of Robin Miller, 1024 Farwood from 6 to 8 P.M. All who need transportation please be at the church promptly at 5:30 P.M. The lesson topic is "Fair Play". A playlet will be presented. Officers and committee chairman of the C.Y.F. held a planning meeting with the Counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical on Tuesday evening. There is choir practice every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9 P.M. at the church. We invite all High School age young people who do not belong to another Youth group to come and join us. Mr. Harry Harman gives a most interesting and inspiring lesson each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. in the Youth Room.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet in the Church Parlor Tuesday, February 14 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson and Mrs. Frank Moody are co-hostesses. Miss Dorene Shaw, Missionary on furlough, is guest speaker. ALL MEMBERS OF FELLOWSHIP AND WOMEN OF THE CHURCH are cordially invited to hear this guest speaker.

The Esther Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Fern Teeple, 717 Union Street Monday, February 13th, at 6:30 P.M. for a carry-in dinner. Devotions and Study period will follow.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Donald C. Smith, 2222 Hoagland Avenue, Monday evening, February 13th at 7:30. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Leader Miss Mildred Hartman.

The Higdon Circle will meet Monday, February 13th at 7:45 P.M. with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 So. Clinton Street.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, February 17 in identical services at 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. at the Wayne Street Methodist Church. On this first Friday in Lent you will want to spend one hour to pray with other Christians around the world.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

There will be a carry-in dinner for the entire congregation on Sunday, February 19, following the Morning Worship service in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Bring food, your table service and join us at this fellowship meeting. We will have group singing and everyone will have an opportunity to become better acquainted with our Ad Interim minister.

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Ann Morrical has been ill at home. We are happy to report that she is better and has gone back to school.

Mrs. Edith Darby is a patient in room 278 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. John Berlien is still a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

We are happy to know that Mrs. J. R. Coar is now at home.

Mrs. Robert Scott, our organist, is ill at her home.

NEW BABIES

A little son, Larry Dean, was born February 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fairfield. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse announce the birth of a little grandson, David James, born January 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. James Crouse, West Lafayette, Indiana. We wish to extend congratulations and good wishes.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Craig in the recent loss of Mr. Craig's mother, Mrs. Edith Craig.

WEEK OF COMPASSION, FEBRUARY 19 -- 26th



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COMPASSION

One of the frequent descriptions of our Lord in the New Testament is: "He had compassion on them." He was ever ready to heal the sick, feed the hungry and encourage people along the way who had fallen into difficulty or great trouble. Compassion was given to those who sought it and there is no record of withholding it from those who needed it. No one can read the story of the life of Jesus in the Gospel without feeling the impact of compassion. Not to sense the urgency of this in our own life, is to fall short of our ministry as Christians.

Our world is in a topsy-turvy condition due to three wars, various social upheavals occurring in their wake. Millions are homeless; orphaned children often are found that are living like animals sustaining themselves on anything they can find. Multitudes are without shelter, having neither food or clothing to sustain them in their wanderings. The Church must heed the cry of the needy, provide shelter, schools and clothing for these disposed people. Also help sustain many who are on the borderline of destitution till they are able to care for themselves. This and much more must be done by the churches of the United States. Be compassionate even as was Jesus Christ and share something with these unfortunates. This is to be done next Sunday or a week later. At least share something with them. If you walk with the Master, be compassionate, even as He was compassionate.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Eye Hath Not Seen" Gaul
Anthem: "Eternal Life" Dungan
Miss Helen Flaig, Director
A. B. Robertson, Guest Minister

Sermon: "I Have Seen The Lord"

PULPIT SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Mr. Glenn R. Miller and Mr. Robert E. Clipp, Elders, were appointed to serve on the Pulpit Supply Committee from the Board of Elders. Sunday morning, following the worship service, two will be appointed from the Congregation to serve on this committee. These four will meet and select a fifth member.



A patient arrives for medical treatment by missionary doctors. His "ambulance" is a fish net hammock slung under a pole carried for miles by two friends.

Gunther Has Only Admiration for Wema Missionaries

"Courageous" is how author John Gunther describes Disciples of Christ missionaries at Wema, Belgian Congo, in his new book *Inside Africa*. The Wema mission station has "one of the best bush hospitals in central Africa," he points out, giving recognition to the two doctors, Howard and Marjorie Horner. He expresses only admiration for all the Wema missionaries and their efforts which center in medicine, evangelism, and education.

Desiring to observe "some totally primitive people," Gunther was directed by Governor Petillon of Belgian Congo to the area in which Wema is located. He writes of boys unable to learn to catch a softball

and yet of the government's confidence in being able to develop Congolese civilization.

—News in Brief—

Disciples of Christ baptized 1,100 new Christians at Wema, Belgian Congo, in 1954.

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Dr. Floyd Shacklock, American church literacy expert, is on a major survey tour of Africa.

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Heifer Project, Inc., a church agency, has shipped 25 heifers to Prentice Institute in Mississippi as its first major U. S. aid work.

United Church Women Hear of World Revolution

A former U. S. ambassador to India has told church women that the revolution in Asia and Africa is based on the same ideals as the American Revolution of 1776. Speaking at the seventh National Assembly of United Church Women in Cleveland, O., in November, Chester Bowles said the "raw materials of revolution" are poverty, injustice, and exploitation.



Mrs. Wedel.

Also headlining the assembly program was Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt who stated that aid to awakening peoples of the world must be economic, cultural, and spiritual.

The U.C.W. acted to help provide a Christian ministry in Africa to Kikuyu tribesmen victimized by Mau Mau terrorists. They presented a station wagon equipped with worship materials, books, a picture projector and slides, and extensive medical supplies.

The U.C.W. also elected Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel as its new president. From Washington, D. C., she is an Episcopalian and succeeds Mrs. James D. Wyker, Mount Vernon, O., Disciples of Christ.

At Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, children clambor over a jungle-gym. Church-sponsored kindergartens afford early religious training.



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The High School C.Y.F. met at the home of Robin Miller last Sunday evening. There were 3 new members present and lunch was served to a large attendance. During the lesson a playlet was presented on "Fair Play." The Worship was in charge of Arlene Smell. Next Sunday, February 19 the Youth group will meet at the home of Dwight and Allan Flowers, 334 W. Fleming Ave. from 6 to 8 P.M. Following the worship period the lesson topic "Give, Then Take" will be discussed. What must we each do to be a friend? How can we best enjoy the friendship of others? Individuals may differ on religion, politics and other aspects of life but every normal person wants to have friends, so being a friend to others and having friends will be the theme for our discussion. High School young people, not members of another Youth group, are cordially invited to come.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive Committee will meet at 7:15 P. M. in the Chapel. General meeting at 8 P.M., in Church Parlor. The Montgomery Circle is in charge of devotions. Higdon Circle will present the program. The topic: "You and the United Nations." Hospitality, Nelson Circle. Refreshments, the Esther Circle. Mrs. Fern Teeple is leader of the Prayer period, which will immediately follow the Executive meeting.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 17—at Wayne Street Methodist Church—2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Easter time is fast approaching and the choir is beginning to start work on the special music to glorify this time of year. Through illnesses and this rash of bad weather the attendance has declined somewhat at rehearsals and Sunday morning Service, but, "Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their choir." We ask that all people young and old alike, who like to sing, come and join with Miss Flaig, our capable director, and the rest of the choir and spend an enjoyable Thursday evening, and Sunday Morning we know you will enjoy yourself and be happy in knowing you are furthering God's work in your Church. See You Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

—Don Miller

NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Barbara Ann, born February 9, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

AMONG OUR SICK

John Johnston is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 659; Mrs. Mary Wilhelm is in Parkview Hospital, Room 413; Scotty and Tommy Rayl are ill with chicken pox. Ann Morrical is also ill with chicken pox. We hope our sick will soon be well again.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to report the death of Mrs. Leo Crouse of Anderson, Indiana. Mr. Crouse is the brother of Marvin and William Crouse of this Church. Our hearts go out in sympathy to this family in their time of sorrow.

We wish to express sincere sympathy to Miss Pearl Heidecker and her family in the very recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Olga Heidecker. Mrs. Heidecker passed away last Saturday. She was a member of First Christian for many years.

Also, our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Roger Symms and her family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Edith Stevens who passed away Sunday, Feb. 12. Mrs. Stevens was an invalid for several years. She was a member of First Christian.

May God bless these folk in their sorrow.

REMEMBER! OUR CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Sunday morning, February 19, following the Morning Worship Service, a fellowship dinner will be served. This is for our membership. Bring a covered dish, your table service and your family. Join us for a social hour in Fellowship Hall.

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HOBBY

A Hobby! It is a good thing to have. Break tensions, is fine recreation and often productive of useful things for others. There are all kinds of hobbies—wood work, needle work, dolls for the orphan children, repair shop for neighborhood children, etc. In the church one makes a hobby out of keeping in touch with the shut-ins; another sees that needs of benevolent homes are kept before the people. One man makes a hobby of visiting hospitals and giving tracts to the sick. I knew one man whose hobby was evangelism. Talked it, breathed it, and urged the minister to preach evangelist sermons even if no one was present but the saints; now and then you find someone who is missionary minded and they literally breath missions day and night and everywhere they go. They just don't understand why others don't have the same passion. Then there is the man or woman who makes teaching in the church school his hobby and is never satisfied unless teaching or telling others they should be. One man had a peculiar hobby or so it seemed to the minister. He made a note of all the activity of the minister as to time spent in office, calling and such other activities. About once a week he cornered the minister and pin pointed all his activities. Yes, it was annoying at times but the minister helped him out. For thirty days he kept a very detailed account of all his activities and about ten o'clock each evening he called him saying, "Thought you would like to know what I have been doing today," and gave every detail of his activity. At the end of the thirty days this brother's hobby was out. It is fine to have a hobby, ride it all you please, but don't try to make others ride your hobby. They just will not do it. You will be far happier to ride it alone. It is enough to stick to one's own hobby and let others do likewise.

—A.B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25

Offertory: Selected

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille, Soloist

Anthem: "Lo, My Shepherd's Hand Divine"—Hayden

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "Your Faith; A Highway or A Byway" A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister



Two Jeewan Tara workers, Fredy and Doris Joseph and their two sons, rest on the front step of the house in which they will live in Bansa, Madhya Pradesh, India.

Smallpox Goddess Loses to Christian Health Program

Smallpox, long a dreaded disease in India, is being conquered around Damoh in Madhya Pradesh state.

Vaccinations are being given by health workers in the Star of Life program of Christian service.

Known as *Jeewan Tara*, the Star of Life is a five-point Christian program for promoting health, economy, religion, community, and education. Leading the people is a corps of trained *Gaon Sathees*, or village companions, who live among some of the 80 villages served by *Jeewan Tara*.

Traditionally, a demonic goddess has been blamed for smallpox. Since persons previously vaccinated escape the disease, more and more people accept inoculation when epidemics threaten.

—News in Brief—

Love Gifts of Christian Women's Fellowships pooled \$108,801 during 1954-55 to help train missionaries and nationals.

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American churches invest over \$90,000,000 a year in foreign missions, estimates the National Council of Churches.

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Easter Sunday is April 1.

The Jacobs of Mount Beulah Help New Workers

The experience and wisdom of 35 years in home missions service help Mr. and Mrs. Burnett L. Jacobs to guide new staff members at Mount Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss. Mrs. Jacobs is manager of the Nex-T-New Store, sewing teacher, and supervisor of housekeeping for the institutional buildings. Mr. Jacobs is manager of the farm.

Mount Beulah Christian Center serves people of three counties. Its program is to help people to help themselves and to provide other necessary welfare services.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs met while students at Southern Christian Institute formerly located at the

Mount Beulah site. Following graduation, they were married and remained to join the home mission center staff. Mr. Jacobs also has been preaching for 30 years.

Interest of Youth Grows In Christian Missions

Christian missions are an increasingly popular interest of young people, according to rising participation in World Fellowship Youth Meets. Many of the area meets are being held this spring and some were held last fall. The meets also aid youth's Christian World Friendship Fund which has a goal of \$125,000 this year.

Three new chapels have been dedicated at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. Situated on the bank of a lagoon, they are, l. to r., Jewish, Protestant, and Roman Catholic. Each chapel resembles a Bible slightly open and standing on end.

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

The High School C.Y.F. met at the home of Dwight and Allan Flowers last Sunday night. Following the worship service lunch was served to a large attendance. The lesson was presented by Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Counsellor, Dwight Flowers and Daryl Stigers entitled "Give, Then Take." The second lesson on friendship will be presented next Sunday, Feb. 26, when the Youth group will meet at the home of Arlene Smell, 5174 Maysville Rd. from 6 to 8 P.M. Our lesson topic will be "Now Is The Time." The High School group will lead in an open discussion period on (1) discussing certain helpful guides a young Christian person can follow in both "Being A Friend" and "In Choosing Others as Friends" and (2) evaluating their friendship with each other and the opposite sex and choosing proper friends and associates. Those in need of transportation please meet at the church promptly at 5:30 P.M. Sunday.

A banquet will be served to the Basketball League players at the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church next Monday evening.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum, at their February business meeting, elected the following officers for the year 1956: Donald C. Smith, President; Walter C. Birkhold, Vice-President; Ben G. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Myrtle Strout, 826 W. Jefferson St., on Friday evening, March 2 at 8 o'clock.

AMONG OUR SICK

Arthur Gernhardt is a patient at Parkview Hospital, having undergone surgery Mr. Frank C. Hill was in the hospital last week for observation. We are happy to learn that Mrs. J. Z. Berlien is now at home after being in the hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Edith Darby has also returned home from the hospital.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Annual Sacrificial Service is to be held on Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. A fine program is being arranged.

The Kepple Circle will meet at the Church Thursday, March 1st, at 1:30 P.M.

NOTES

Mrs. J. J. Farwell, Administrative Secretary of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, is quite ill at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 317. We wish to express kindest good wishes to Mrs. Farwell for her early and complete recovery.

WEEK OF COMPASSION — FEBRUARY 19-26

THEY CARRY THE WORD

Who are these who carry the Word? Military Chaplains. The military chaplaincy is a peculiarly American institution. It dates back to General George Washington's call for clergymen in the days of the Revolution. The chaplaincy is based on two of our most cherished beliefs: freedom of worship and the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. As the Armed Forces represent a cross section of the American people in religious preference, so does the chaplaincy. . . Regular Sunday and holiday services are always scheduled and the chaplain is always available for consultation and religious instruction. . . The chaplain is a thoroughly trained clergyman, approved by his own church. America can well be proud of her military chaplains as "they carry the Word."

Our brotherhood stands back of the chaplains who represent us. As we "care and share" in the Week of Compassion we let our chaplains know that our brotherhood does not forget them. . . Our Week of Compassion funds also care for the church pension dues of our reserve chaplains on active duty.

The physical hunger of the world is matched by the spiritual hunger of untold millions, many of them in our own nation. Some of them realize their need for closer fellowship with God; some of them must be helped to recognize the true cause of their restlessness. Many of them are connected with the armed forces or the industrial defense of our nation. We can help "carry the Word" to them through our participation in the Week of Compassion.



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EVANGELISM

A certain kind of evangelism has fallen into disrepute, and should. High pressure, emotional stress made it possible for the Evangelist to make a glowing report for papers and a good entre' for the next place. Love offering was stressed almost as much as repentance and confession. The tragedy is that the Church soured on such and went to the other extreme—no evangelism.

The Church does not dare neglect evangelism. To evangelize is a command, as much so as repentance and baptism. The "big revival meeting" is outmoded for the present. But we must evangelize. So men and women of the church go out in pairs. They visit, they press the claims of Christ for a decision. It is out of this personal evangelistic effort that new converts may come. It is a great experience to lead some onto the Christian way. So in view of the necessity of fulfilling this command of our Lord, the week before Palm Sunday men of the church will visit in many homes seeking new converts and transfer of membership. Many of this kind among us and a friendly visit will often aid in establishing this church relationship. Volunteer for this service. Call the Church office or speak to the minister expressing your willingness to aid in this special visitation evangelism. Palm Sunday will be decision day; also Easter Sunday. Let's make it a really great ingathering. The creating of a new heart is very necessary and there is no better place to do it than in the Church. Be an Evangel and so fulfill a Great Commission.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "Living for Jesus" Lowden

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Quartette: Mr. Fred Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocherille, Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Anthem: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" Mozart
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "The Greatest Power"

A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

Children Insist on Going to Christian Kindergarten

Children will not stay away from the kindergarten operated by Disciples of Christ at Los Haro, Mexico. Local people opposed to the Protestant project try to instill fear of demons haunting the Disciple

center, but the children are attracted by the toys, stories, pictures, and songs with which missionary Miss Hallie Lemon and others of the staff cultivate Christian virtues in the youngsters.

To attend kindergarten, the children have to overcome the disinterest of their parents. Five-year-olds often have to help shepherd livestock, run errands or plant crops.

To the children, the kindergarten is properly named *Casa del Amigo*, the Home of a Friend. From former groups of children instilled with the love of Christ have arisen devoted churches.

Hope Is Held for Exiles In Bible Book of Month

One of the world's great letters is included in the Bible book suggested by the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature to be read this month. The book is Jeremiah in which the letter appears as chapter 29.

Jeremiah is said by some authorities to be the greatest of the Jewish prophets, and in his letter, he holds out a significant hope to the Jewish nation in exile. The commission urges readers to note the attributes of greatness that Jeremiah possessed.

—News in Brief—

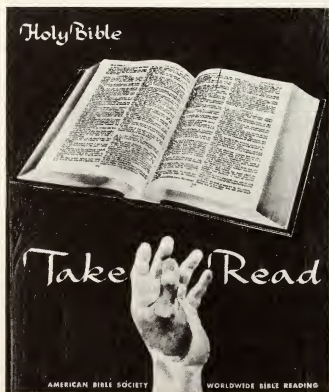
A permanent building for youth conferences has been erected at Mountain of Light Farm near Pabellon, Mexico. The labor was done by American and Mexican youth as an international workcamp project.

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The new health center at Mount Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss., includes an examining room and laboratory under the direction of Dr. M. I. Ting.

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Disciples of Christ men and women have attended the brotherhood's tenth United Nations Seminar in New York City.





Nearing completion is the new church building at Hazel Green, Ky. The church serves both the community and Hazel Green Academy, the Disciples of Christ home mission school for children from homes in the surrounding mountain region.

Missionary Leaders Ponder Political Unrest

New approaches to missionary activity were studied by some 300 foreign missions leaders of major American Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions meeting in Dayton, O., in December. The assembly, held annually, is sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

The new strategy for mission work is made necessary by changes going on in many countries in which Christian missions are serving.

One of the most encouraging forces, according to Dr. E. L. Smith, the National Council's foreign missions executive, is that Protestant churches in almost every country are now able to perpetuate themselves.

Dr. Virgil Sly, executive secretary of Disciples of Christ foreign missions, was chairman of the committee on African missions.

Church Groups Study Effect of Revolution And Missions on People

"Hunger" is the key word in world issues being studied by church groups this spring under the theme *The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World*. Having suffered privations for generations, the less fortunate peoples of the world are in revolution now to secure both physical and spiritual advantages.

Study guides, prepared nationally, suggest how Christianity is assuming leadership to direct the people to new security.

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C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

The High School C.Y.F. met at the home of Arlene Smell last Sunday evening from 6 to 8 P.M. The meeting opened with Marty Lehman reading the 90th Psalm and Arlene Smell giving the devotions entitled, "Investment of the Year". A study period followed led by Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Counsellor, Daryl Stigers and Fred Van Fossen. Following the worship and study period lunch was served to a large attendance. The remainder of the evening was spent in recreation. Next Sunday, March 4, the C.Y.F. will meet at the home of John Young, 507 Lower Huntington Road. The lesson topic will be "Where Do You Belong". This has been planned to help the High School age young people set standards and guides for their relationship with groups. The lesson forms a background to enable the teenagers to understand the effect of various groups and stresses the idea that the truly Christian young person will choose the groups which are based upon high standards and ideals rather than cheap immoral groups. All who need transportation please meet at the church at 5:30 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl in the recent death of Mr. Uhl's grandfather, Mr. Adolph Peterson. Mr. Peterson made his home in Marion and was 93 years of age. He and Mrs. Peterson celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on February 14.

NEW BABIES

A new baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shidler, at Parkview Hospital, last week. Congratulations! parents.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March	4—John Merrill,	James Shockney
March	11—Bret Young,	John Craig
March	18—David Griggs,	Owen Vaught
March	25—B. W. Leversee,	Robert Clipp

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Captain: Earl T. Fusselman, A-56922; W. H. Imbody, Ward W. Bundy, L. A. Horn, Cecil A. Kinzie, Paul E. Truby, H. J. Howell, Arza Smith, Harley Meadows, Myron Cole, J. E. Tracey.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Avenue on Wednesday, March 7, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. E. L. Harris is co-hostess

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, 6502 South Calhoun Street Tuesday, March 6 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. K. L. Edwards in charge of program. Mrs. Ray Woodhull, devotions.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Avenue, Tuesday afternoon, March 6, at 1:30.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a carry-in dinner and social hour for members and friends in the Church, on Friday evening, March 9, at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and your table service.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Tommy Rayl enters Parkview Hospital on Friday for surgery.



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WILL

WILL—At least there are three kinds of "will" with which more people have to do. One is the kind that is dictated in anticipation of death, immediate or remote, signed and sealed holding in secrecy both benevolence and selfishness, often with intent to hurt. The best of "will" is Good Will. This is creative, making for good relations among men and nations. It is God among us, walking with us, healing our wounds, saving us from iniquity and complete destruction. Remove Good Will and chaos will soon be everywhere, clouds will darken our skies and the sound of fury will beat in upon us. Most people will not lose their way in some of the grosser sins of life. But many good people will fail when it comes to the expression of their will. Ill will is not as glaring a sin as some other but it does separate man from God. When you express ill will, you may be sure that you have left God out of your actions. Ill will is always wrong, it is destructive, it disturbs the peace of life about one. Ill will is to be hurtful to someone, it inflicts a bit of temper and has no regard for the feeling of others. It will break the tenderest ties, disturb the peace of any fellowship in the church or out, and leave deep scars wherever it touches. One will do well to think before expressing ill will toward anyone. God is out when such occurs. Dress ill will up in any form you like, gaudy or commonplace, it is still destructive. That hateful word that one flings at another, that biting criticism meant to hurt is a way of expressing ill will. Ill will destroys its possessor more certainly than it does its victim. Ill will is two edged. It does hurt its victim but it will in time destroy such a one who delights in ill will. Sin is always destructive and ill will is that. It is a lot more fun to practice good will than ill will. Try it!

—A. B. Robertson,
Ad Interim Minister

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory: Selected

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soprano

Anthem: "Bless Thou the Lord" Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Sermon: "A Birthday Sermon"

A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



Above is St. Colme's hostel of the new Union Theological Seminary at Cross Roads, Jamaica. Downstairs are classrooms. Upstairs are rooms for study and bedrooms.

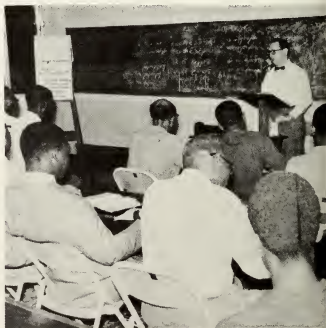
Jamaica Seminary Trains Ministers for Caribbean

Ministers for the British West Indies and other Caribbean islands are now able to receive improved training through the new Union Theological Seminary at Cross Roads, Jamaica. Cooperating in the venture of five Protestant communions are Disciples of Christ. Previously a few Disciples ministers secured ministerial education in the United States.

The new seminary is located on the site of the former Methodist Caenwood College and an additional building has been constructed under the supervision of Freeman Redding, Disciple artisan missionary. American college students and Jamaicans joined in a work camp last summer to help in construction.

The seminary assures a more adequate ministry to Jamaica.

Professor John Perry teaches a class in Greek at Union Theological Seminary.



Seven Million Americans Cannot Control Their Alcoholic Drinking

Some 3,876,000 persons became afflicted with alcoholism in a recent 12-month period, asserts the lead article in the October, 1955, issue of *Social Action News-Letter* published by the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society. Writer Robert A. Fangmeier of the staff compares that cancer gripped 711,000 persons, tuberculosis 1,200,000 and polio 38,000 during the same year.

The Yale School of Alcoholic Studies, Fangmeier continues, estimates there are 7,000,000 Americans who are out-of-control drinkers at present. They affect the lives of about 30,000,000 close relatives.

The article states that breweries invest \$250,000,000 a year to teach people to drink alcoholic beverages, and under a subhead entitled "The Power of Suggestion" are mentioned plans of a nationally known brewery to collaborate with food and dairy industries and sports broadcasts to promote beer along with food, cheese and sports.

All education to prevent alcoholism is achieved on an estimated \$2,000,000 a year.

Airline pilots and stewardesses organizations officially oppose drinking in flight by passengers even though some airlines now permit it to meet competition.



**share
our
surplus**

with
the hungry
overseas

**give thanks
by giving**

Church World Service
215 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Among Disciples of Christ, our Week of Compassion, Feb. 19-26, provides funds to share in rebuilding persons.

American Minister Nears Bottom of Salary Scale

The American clergyman, traditionally low man on the salary totem pole is still there—sharing the dubious honor with artists and art teachers—according to new statistics issued by the National Council of Churches.

The median income reported for clergymen in the 1949 U. S. census was \$2,412. Only artists and teachers got less—a median of \$2,360. In contrast, bus drivers got \$3,116; bookkeepers \$2,847; architects \$4,580; and physicians \$8,115.

The minister is one of the lowest paid professional persons.

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C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

The High School young people met last Sunday evening at the home of John Young with 30 in attendance. The C.Y.F. will meet this Sunday at the VanFossen home, 404 West Maple Grove Ave., from 6 to 8 P.M. A fine program is being arranged. All young people of High School age are cordially invited to come. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical are counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harman are co-sponsors.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M.

The Men's Forum will meet next Sunday evening from 5 to 7 P.M. A good program is being arranged. Mr. Harvey M. Smelser will show movies on California. Franklin Gresham, Harold Crowder and Robert Rayl compose the Food Committee. All men of the church and friends are cordially invited. Donald C. Smith is the new President. He will preside at a short business session.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Monday evening, March 12, at 7:45 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Gerald Elser, Program by Mrs. Ethel Richhart.

The Montgomery Circle will meet in the Church Parlor, Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. F. E. Morrical and Mrs. Edwin Hall are co-hostesses. Members are reminded to bring their white elephants.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. T. R. Eiler, 936 Lake Avenue Monday evening, March 12, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, leader. Miss Pearl Heidecker will lead the devotions.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Eva Mosier, 813½ Edgewater Ave., Monday evening, March 12, for a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. Devotions and Study period will follow the dinner.

GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Executive will meet in the Chapel Wednesday, March 14 at 1:15 P.M. The Prayer Period will follow at 2:00 in Church Parlor.

The General meeting is at 2:05 P.M. The Dye Circle is sponsoring the program. Mrs. Henry Peeling, guest, will speak upon the United Nations. Special music will be given by Mrs. S. E. Merriman. She will sing, "God, God Alone Is Love". Mrs. Oscar Kiefer and Mrs. Paul Carpenter of the Kepple Circle will bring devotions. The Gish Circle hospitality; Refreshments will be served by the McGavran Circle. All women of the Church and friends are cordially invited to come. We shall appreciate a good attendance.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

We of the choir are facing a problem which those of the congregation who like to sing can help solve. We have a fine director and organist, a group of faithful members and wonderful music selections but we do need more voices. We are not professionals, just folk who like to sing. We rehearse every Thursday evening for 2 hours beginning at 7:30. We promise you a glad and joyous time. If you need transportation please call Don Miller, K-4147 and someone will stop for you. Join us, we know you will like it!

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl in memory of their little son, Donald Glenn's birthday.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. John Hoop has been a patient at Parkview Hospital. Mrs. Robert Scott and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones have been confined to their homes by illness. We are sure there are others who have been ill with "colds, etc." Mrs. J. R. Coar is still confined to her bed, as is Mrs. J. Z. Berlien. Our prayers are with these fine folk in their time of illness. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical have been in New York attending the funeral of Mrs. Morrical's aunt. We wish to extend our sympathy. We are happy to note that Mrs. Edith Darby has recovered sufficiently from her illness to be in the worship service last Sunday morning.



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THE MINISTER YOU EXPECT

The Congregation has a right to expect certain qualifications in the man who occupies their pulpit. There are many but let's give attention to some of the very definite ones. Every leader must have preparatory qualifications. He should have High School or its equivalent, for this is foundation upon which he is to build. After this it is four years or more of College. During this time he will major in certain fields wherein he expects to do his life's work. This done he should enter a graduate school such as a Seminary or Divinity School. This is his special training for the ministry, not only in Biblical literature, Theology, Church history, but many other phases of life. But HIS MAIN TASK IS TO PREACH. This is his business above all things else. He is a many-sided man speaking to all kinds of people each Sunday. The educated, the professional man and woman and men who devote themselves to various types of business and above all he must minister to the Youth of the Church. If one will think for a minute, the marvel is that he is able to cover such a field of human relationships, so his preparation must be extensive, his field of knowledge wide, and running through the whole of his activity there must be a sympathy and devotion to people who walk the highways of life. Other professional men devote themselves to one thing such as Law, Medicine, Engineering, Teaching, Science, etc., but the minister must have a knowledge of all these fields and be able to speak intelligently as such relates to his main task—Preaching The Gospel, both to the wise and simple of heart. No eight hour day for him. From the time he opens his eyes each morning, till he falls asleep his mind is occupied with his task—visiting sick, talking to the troubled of heart and bewildered, sympathizing with those who have great sorrow and in the midst of all this prepare to Preach every Sunday. Books, magazines, papers must be his constant companions as well as the people of his parish. He must preach to a heart hungry people. Give him your warmth of heart and a word of encouragement. He needs it every day.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory:

Quartette: Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille, Mr. Fred Smell

Sermon:
A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

Anthem: "Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord" Morgan
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



Above, the R. Q. Adams family starts out for Tacuacora. At left, a View-Master stereopticon with religious pictures is popular for teaching religion.



Farm Wagon Hauls Modern Missionaries on Circuit Through Rural Paraguay

To serve rural folk in the town of Islape, Paraguay, from Coronel Oviedo, evangelistic missionaries Ralph and Annamae Adams travel two and a half hours in a four-wheeled wagon pulled by a team of draft horses. Islape is only one of several farm villages they have to use this plodding transportation to reach.

Often the wagon is piled with a small pump organ, picture projection equipment, a gasoline-powered generator, kerosene lanterns, Scriptures, food and water.

Inconvenience and perseverance are being rewarded, however, by the constantly increasing number of new inquirers and new Christians being nurtured.

—News in Brief—

In direct response to appeals by religious leaders, the U. S. Government has released surplus grains for overseas relief. (See earlier article elsewhere in this issue.)

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May 6-13 is Family Week.

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With the aid of the Bilaspur, India, Red Cross, Jackman Memorial Hospital has reopened several clinics in the city.

Christian Educators to Have Refresher Course

A three-week refresher course in Christian education is being held for ministers of Disciples of Christ this summer. Scheduled for July 13-20, it will be held at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind.

Three short courses are arranged: Contemporary Trends in Christian Education, Personal Problems of the Director of Christian Education, and the Work of the Director of Christian Education. Some laboratory experience is to be included.

The refresher course is a joint project of the university's School of Religion and The United Christian Missionary Society. Dr. O. L. Shelton, dean of the seminary, and Dr. James Blair Miller, chairman of its religious education depart-

ment, and Miss Mabel Metze, UCMS director of leadership education, are heading the institute.

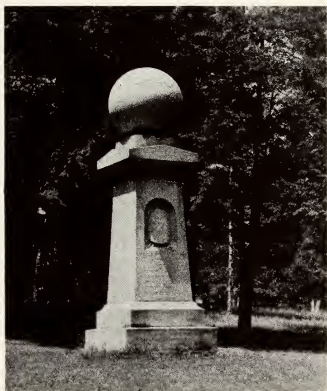
Government Blocks Church Plan to Use Grain Surplus Overseas

Church leaders have appealed for government-held surplus grain to ease the hunger which prevails overseas. Backed by the National Council of Churches' general board, Church World Service director R. Norris Wilson has conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. He was joined by other Christian and Jewish leaders. Mr. Wilson reports, "We have received a long line of excuses but we think these arguments are specious."

Happy Birthday, Missions!

This year marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the foreign missions movement in America. The idea was developed in 1806 by five students at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., while they took shelter in a haystack from a sudden rain. There and then they dedicated themselves to "the service and well-being of people in foreign lands across the seas." Joined later at Andover Theological Seminary by six other men, they formed the first American foreign missionary agency.

Nearly 20,000 foreign missionaries from Canada and the United States serve overseas today.



A globe tops this monument which marks the site of the haystack in which American foreign missions were born.

C.Y.F. — 5 to 7 P.M.

The High School C.Y.F. met last Sunday at the home of Peggy McFarland. There were 27 present. Marilyn Stigers led the Worship period and Robin Miller presented the lesson. Following a most enjoyable lunch, recreation was in charge of Barbara Staley and Merle Rice.

Next Sunday evening, March 25, due to Palm Sunday the High School youth will meet at the church from 5 to 7 P.M. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ONLY. They will enjoy a weiner roast at the fireplace in the Youth Room. Following recreation in the Gym, for the worship and study period, colored films with sound entitled "The Lord's Supper and "The Crucifixion" will be shown. These are most interesting and impressive. All High School Youth are urged to attend.

The U.C.Y.M. is sponsoring the Young People's Service on Good Friday at the Wayne Street Methodist Church from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. Rev. Ervin E. Petznik, speaker.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP **Sacrificial Service**

March 27 is the date of our **Easter Upper Room Supper**, or Sacrificial Service. The Committee is working on arrangements and a fine program is being planned. The meeting is at 6:30 P.M., for one hour, in the Church Parlor. We hope to have a good attendance and believe it will be well worth while. So that we may have a tentative idea of how many are coming, please call your group leader not later than Monday. Our sacrificial offering will be taken at this time.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The April Board meeting has been postponed until April 10th at 8 P.M. Notices will be mailed before that date.

PRE-REGISTRATION TO STATE CONVENTION

A goal of 150 pre-registrations has been set for our church and accepted by the Official Board at their last meeting. A number of these registrations are already in. The fee is \$1.00 per person. These funds are used to cover the expense of publicity and program for the State Convention.

NEW BABY IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Shallenberger are the proud parents of a new little baby born this week at Parkview Hospital. Congratulations!

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. George Meyers of Grover Hill, Ohio, is critically ill at his home. Mr. Meyers is well known to members of this Church having been a member here for many years before moving to Ohio.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION HOLY BIBLE

We have opportunity of purchasing illustrated editions of the Revised Standard Version Holy Bible at wholesale price in orders of 5 copies.

No. 2803 \$3 50 edition at wholesale price of \$2.80 each

No. 2800 3.25 edition at wholesale price of 2.60 each

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"IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, a Candlelight Communion Service will be observed. This annual service is in commemoration of the institution of the Lord's Supper on the night in which our Lord was betrayed. This is one of the most beautiful and most worshipful service on the church calendar. The service begins at 7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

12 Noon to 3 P.M.

Three hour services will be held on Good Friday in the Sanctuary. Rev. A. B. Robertson will speak on the First Word. Other ministers speaking are Rev. Russell E. Palmer, Rev. Clarence C. Collins, Rev. Philip Rice, Rev. Ernest B. Megenity, Rev. Glen Baird and Rev. R. Dean Cope.

EASTER LILIES

The Sanctuary will be decorated Easter Sunday in keeping with the Holy Season. Memorial flowers will be received from those who wish to present them in memory of departed loved ones. Easter lilies are beautiful remembrances. They should be brought to the church on Saturday before Easter.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

How did you like the superb quartet and excellent Anthem last Sunday? How many in the congregation hummed the music with us? If you did, then we need you; and we can offer you a joyous time, friendship with others, wonderful music, and an opportunity to further God's work through music in your church and in your life. Come, join us each Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

—Don Miller, President

INDIFFERENCE

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Cavalry;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.
When Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.
Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

HOPE

HE DIED! And with Him perished all that men hold dear;
Hope lay beside Him in the sepulcher,
Love grew corpse cold, and all things beautiful beside
Died when He died.

HE ROSE! And with Him hope arose, and life and light.
Men said, "Not Christ but Death died yesternight."
And joy and truth and all things virtuous
Rose when He rose.

—Anonymous

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Dear Fellow Members and Friends:

Your financial committee has decided that for the present we shall continue operating under the 1955 budget. After we secure a regular minister and know more definitely what our expenses will be we will prepare a budget and submit it for your approval.

Your contributions during January and February have been fine but still short of budget requirements. Our budget provides for a reserve for contingencies of \$750.00 per month. We have not been able to set any money aside for this purpose and have unpaid bills in the amount of \$319.35.

Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$ 1.85
Receipts for January and February	3,681.20
Disbursements: January and February	
Salaries.....	\$1,394.00
Utilities.....	214.30
Fuel.....	1,008.00
Tidings and Bulletins.....	208.00
Office Supplies.....	78.00
Missions.....	362.00
Church Supplies.....	74.00
Insurance.....	73.00
Bank charges.....	3.00
Church Envelopes.....	169.00
Maintenance.....	3.00
Flower Fund.....	71.00
Total Expenditures.....	\$3,657.30
Balance on hand, February 29.....	25.75
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In addition to the above we must pay not less than \$2,000 every month on our loan at the bank and provide for the interest on our Certificates of Indebtedness. Our budget requires an offering of \$626.67 each Sunday besides our building fund requirement of \$500.00 per week.

You can readily see what our requirements are and I am sure each of you will want to do his fair share. If you have not already made a pledge, we would be happy to have you make one and if there are any questions any one of your committee will be happy to discuss them with you. We shall continue to keep you advised of our financial condition from time to time.

Your Financial Committee



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EASTER SUNDAY

It is a Spiritual Birthday for many. For others a day of remembrance. The day's celebration goes back to that morning when the women went to the Tomb of Jesus to further minister to one they loved. They had been so overwhelmed with grief and preoccupied thoughts they had missed the real teaching of the Lord. On finding the tomb empty they were bewildered, dismayed and questioning just what happened since finding the stone rolled away and the body no longer there. Nowadays we think it strange that they were so dull of hearing and lack of understanding. It is well to remember that we have hundreds of years of Christian life since then. They were in the beginning and in the midst of the sorrow of what they regarded a great tragedy.. It is little wonder they were dull of understanding for tears are blinding and sorrow dull of understanding. Other disciples were in the same mood of disappointment and unbelief. Once they grasped the fact and recalled the teaching of the Lord, they were electrified with great joy and proceeded to spread the news of the resurrection. The several appearances of the Lord changed the whole of life for them. Whereas they were blind, bitter and questioning, the resurrection made them flaming evangelists of a great mission—the proclamation of the "Risen Lord." Their doubts and bewilderment were no greater than some that prevail today. Once the resurrection becomes a conviction of the heart, a new world opens and a new life starts on a great adventure.

EASTER SUNDAY is a fine setting for many to grasp the fact of the resurrection and make it a part of their life. We are not strangers to resurrected life for the seasons come and go, each a testimony of renewed life. To become aware that we, too, are raised with him is a climatic experience in anyone's life. We can say with Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory. Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ."



Workers begin construction on the first church of Disciples of Christ in South Africa for Bantu people. Rev. Basil Holt, center, confers with the contractor.

Disciples Complete South African Bantu Church

Disciples of Christ have completed their first church in the Union of South Africa for native

Bantu Christians. The church and a parsonage are located in Orlando, the largest native township in South Africa and located on the edge of Johannesburg.

—News in Brief—

The youth tour to Caribbean island missions is June 27-July 19 and is sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Mr. Parker Rowe, special Disciple representative with the World Council of Churches, has spent six weeks observing Christian agricultural projects in India.

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Disciples of Christ now have six churches in the Union of South Africa.

The new Orlando Christian Church is serving Christian groups that have been worshipping in two private homes and another that uses the Linden Christian Church on Sunday afternoons. Churches of Disciples of Christ in South Africa are giving enthusiastic support to the Orlando project. Rev. Tylden Luxomo who has been serving the three fellowships is continuing as pastor of the new congregation.

Already Rev. Luxomo has performed a number of baptisms and has trained some lay preachers who are the nucleus of the new church.

Disciple Farmer Brings German Refugee Family To the United States

A man without a country until recently, Mr. Anton Denesuk and his family arrived at New York City by ship on January 9. The family of five was brought to the United States under the sponsorship of Mr. J. Lewis Norman, North Salem, Ind., farmer for whom Mr. Denesuk is now working.

Arrangements for the immigration of the family from a displaced persons camp in Germany were made through The United Christian Missionary Society and its director for resettling refugees, Miss Ella Williams. The Denesuks are among the first European refugees to be resettled by Disciples of Christ who are hoping to aid 500 persons. The federal legislation admitting 209,000

stateless persons ends this year. Government and church leaders fear that lack of American sponsors will deprive many refugees of resettling in the United States.

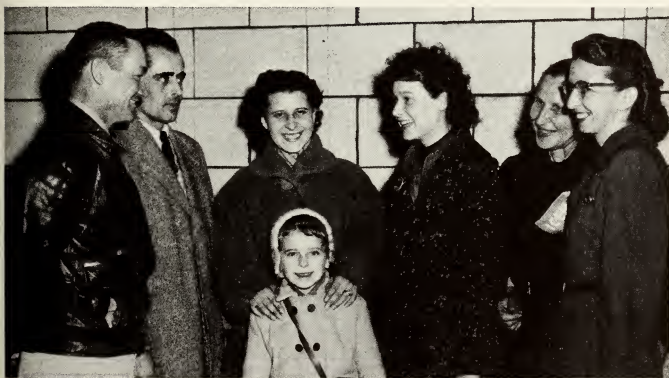
Youth to Be Go-and-See Missionaries This Summer

Christian youth will fly to islands in the Caribbean Sea this summer on the annual foreign missions tour for youth of Disciples of Christ. The tour, which lasts for three weeks, will spend time in five island countries: Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Churches often send youth as go-and-see missionaries for them.

The group will devote most of its time to seeing missionaries in action in Jamaica and Puerto Rico and will do some missionary projects also.

Sponsor J. L. Norman, left, welcomes the Anton Denesuk family who have been homeless 14 years and now live on his farm. Miss Ella Williams of UCMS is at right.



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MORNING SERVICE

EARLY SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 7:55 A.M.
10:25 A.M.

Offertory: Selected

Mr. Robert E. Cocherille, Tenor

Sermon: "An Easter Journey"

Anthem: "In The End of The Sabbath", Speaks

A. D. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Easter Offering taken at this time.

C.Y.F. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — 7:00 A.M.

The High School young people met at the church last Sunday evening with 33 present to participate in playing Volley Ball in the Gym. Following the recreation a weiner roast was enjoyed in the Youth Room. For worship and study, colored films on the "Last Supper" and "Trial and Crucifixion" were shown. These were most impressive. The Youth hour closed with the friendship circle. Next Sunday the High School C.Y.F. will observe Easter with a Sunrise Service and Breakfast at 7:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. A fine program has been arranged. It will include a color film and sound entitled, "The Resurrection." The Youth will attend the 8 o'clock morning worship for their class session in the Youth room at 9:30.

Mothers who will be serving the breakfast are: Mrs. Claude Crowell, Mrs. Hugh Rice, and Mrs. H. M. Flowers. There will be no Sunday evening C.Y.F. meeting **this week only.**

Please remember the Youth meeting on Good Friday, from 2 to 3 PM. at Wayne Street Methodist Church. This meeting is sponsored by the UCYM of Fort Wayne.

EASTER LILLIES

Please remember your lillies, in memory of departed ones, for the Chancel next Sunday morning. They should be delivered at the church on Saturday. The donors may take their lily plant from the church following the second service.

OFFICIAL BOARD

A reminder: The Official Board meeting is postponed until April 10th.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Cecil Kinzie suffered a heart attack and is in Mercy Hospital, Miami, Fla.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Clendenen, 2217 Thompson Avenue, on Tuesday, afternoon, April 3rd, at 1:30 P.M.

The Dr. Dye Circle meeting is postponed for one week and will be held Wednesday, April 11, at 1:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Charles Green, Indianapolis Rd. The program will be given by Mrs. E. L. Harris, devotions by Mrs. C. Branstrator

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 1—First Service 8:00 A.M. Grayson Cripe and Bret Young.

April 1—Second Service 10:30 A.M. Cecil Rice and Dr. A. C. Worley.

April 8—Eppie R. Baker, Bert W. Leversee

April 15—John S. Craig, Hugh Rice

April 22—Charles Fuchshuber, Bret R. Young

April 29—James R. Shockney, Grayston Cripe

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Harold K. Pritchard, Chairman; William R. Love, Jack E. Weicker, Herbert C. Banet, Rolland R. Ripple, Charles W. Staley, Everett W. Evans, Leon H. Johns, Robert Rayl, Meldren S. Keps.

Hospitality Chairman for April—Mrs. Irene Cline.

Deaconess for April—Mrs. T. D. Eddleman



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PREACHING

What a variety of thoughts come flooding into one's mind when preaching is mentioned. A flood of memories go marching by—some of associates, others of sitting with parents and still others when you wished the minister would hurry up and say, "Amen."

During the sermon you were often critical. Other times most uncomfortable because the minister was bearing down on some of your ways. Then again you were thrilled or perhaps bored. However, whatever the thought, there are few people living who ever heard the minister speak, but what caught a thought or impression on the meaning of worship and the assembly of fellow saints.

Jesus came preaching. While he did many other things, he did preach and who can measure what it did to the people who listened or those who came after, listening to that "preaching" through a dedicated messenger.

Regardless of what you may think about the preaching you have heard or how you relate yourself to it, you probably have been more influenced by preaching than any other factor in your religious life. Call it foolish, if you will, but we have excellent testimony that is by the "foolishness of preaching" that men are brought to salvation. You can ignore it, be critical of it or refuse even to listen. But there is one fact in history quite evident. Good sincere preaching has done more to change the heart of the world than any other single means of communication. In every great moral and spiritual advance in history preaching has played its part well, even often in the hands of untrained men. Call off the centuries one by one and in every one some man stood up and preached to the multitude changing their course and shaping them into an instrument of social, political and religious advance. There is no greater instrument of advance than "good preaching" out of the heart of a dedicated man. Every reformation has had great preaching, every good movement the product of great hearts stirred to action through the spoken word.

Next time you are disposed to be critical, indifferent, or sceptical about preaching you had better read a few pages of history. And even more when listening to some minister, just take one truth he proclaims, and you may start a reformation in your own heart.

Before trying to reform the world better start in your own life and listening to good preaching will be an aid to that end. Try praying for the minister. It will make you a more sympathetic listener.



—A. Dale Fiers

Espinosa church in Puerto Rico was one of 30 organized churches and 18 rural chapels of the Disciples of Christ studied by Donald A. McGavran for the United Society.

Church Growth Studied on Mission Fields

Puerto Rican church leaders and representatives of The United Christian Missionary Society are working together on a plan for helping the growing churches on

the island to become even stronger. The plan is based on a study of church growth in Puerto Rico which was completed early in 1956 by Donald A. McGavran.

Missionary to India, Dr. McGavran is assigned this year to surveying the possibilities for church growth in several mission fields overseas. He is making studies of what causes churches to grow in Thailand, Philippines and India.

Information secured by Dr. McGavran and his recommendations for each field will be used by the United Society as a guide to future efforts in church expansion abroad. This is one of the means being used by the Society to put into effect its strategy of world missions.

—News in Brief—

Churchmanship institutes are being conducted for members of rural and small town churches. State missionary societies, seminaries and the United Society sponsor the institutes to develop lay leaders in town and country churches.

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April 15 is observed by many Protestant churches as Christian Higher Education Day.

Church Editor Denounces White Citizens Councils

White citizens councils which enforce continued racial segregation in defiance of the U. S. Supreme Court have been sternly denounced by Dr. Harold Fey, executive editor of the *Christian Century*. Their objective, he asserts, "is to defy the law and to rule in place of the law."

Addressing the Home Missions Division assembly of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Fey suggested, "We send missions (of understanding and reconciliation) to Russia, why not to Mississippi?"

White citizens councils, he declared, are not unlike "Naziism in Germany, which first defied, nullified and overthrew the authority of

the courts, and then went on to displace other functions of government."

Disciples Asked to Speak Their Mind On Social Issues

Churches are helping to write resolutions on social concerns to be considered at the 1956 International Convention of Disciples of Christ at Des Moines, Ia. The aid has been requested by the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society which will present resolutions on peace, race relations, labor-management relations and other concerns to the convention in October.

Music study is included in the fine arts courses at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex., producing the excellent student choir and preparing music teachers.

—Black Star Photo



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: "The Sower"

A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim Minister

Fine attendance at Church Easter Sunday. 190 at Early Service, 400 at Second Service.

Offertory: Selected

Miss Audrey Coburn, Contralto

Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" Handel

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Large Easter Offering and fine Church School Attendance last Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

34 High School youth attended a most impressive Easter Sunrise Breakfast in the church Fellowship Hall last Sunday morning. Next Sunday evening, April 8, the High School C.Y.F. will meet at the church from 6 to 8 P.M. Each one will bring a sack lunch, and the Worship period and lesson will be held in the Youth room. The lesson topic will be, "What Do YOU Want Out of Life?" The purpose of this program, which will be in the form of an interview between the Counsellor and three young people, followed by group discussion, is to show, 1st. that young people determine what they will make of their lives by the little decisions they make from day to day and, 2nd. that it is therefore important for them to know what they want most in life so they can make those little decisions effectively. Following the lesson period the group will be directed in recreation in the gym by Merle Rice, Recreation Co-chairman. There will be a planning session by the Executive group of the C.Y.F. next Thursday morning, April 5 at 10:30 A.M. in the Youth Room. All officers and committee chairman are urged to be present.

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Orchids to our own Nancy Hill, treasurer of the High School C.Y.F. Nancy was elected to the National Honor Society for her outstanding grades for all four years in High School. Nancy is a senior in South Side High School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Hill, 2134 Owassa Way.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Carter Palmer, 2625 Wells St. for a carry-in dinner, Monday, April 9 at 6:30 P.M. Devotion and study period will follow.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Ethel Richhart, 2714 Maumee Ave. Monday evening, April 9, at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Ernest Kattas will present the Devotions, Mrs. Irene Cline the Program.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 1819 Kentucky Ave., Thursday afternoon, April 12 at 1:30 P.M.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. L. H. Higgins, 213 W. Fleming Ave., Tuesday afternoon, April 10 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Kenneth Edwards has the program and Mrs. Ray Woodhull, devotions.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles L. Green, Indianapolis Road, Wednesday afternoon, April 11th at 1:30. Program by Mrs. E. L. Harris, devotions by Mrs. C. Branstrator.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. F. J. Worrell is recovering satisfactorily from surgery to her hand.

John E. Merrill sustained chest injuries in an automobile accident last week and was hospitalized.

Mrs. James L. Presnell is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 358.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. George Meyers in the recent loss of her husband. Mr. Meyers was for many years a member of First Christian serving faithfully as Deacon and Elder of the church.

MEN'S FORUM

The next meeting of the Men's Forum has been postponed to Sunday, April 15th.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Those wishing to present flowers for the chancel in memory of a departed loved one, or for an anniversary, please sign the Flower Calendar in the Narthex.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 Wells Street, Friday evening, April 6 at 8 o'clock.



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I GIVE!

Fine but how? That is the important factor. One person says, "I give as I feel". The trouble with this kind of giving is, that they don't feel very deeply. Another proclaims the fact that they never make a pledge and wind up in a flourish quoting the scripture, "Let not your left hand know what the right hand doeth". The truth is that their giving is so meager they are ashamed even to have the left hand know what the right is doing. Another proclaims the fact that they give when they attend and the trouble here is the fact that they do not attend. The truth is that all the above are casting crumbs upon the water expecting to get a whole loaf back. In every other realm of our activity we pledge to pay whether it is taxes, light, phone or installment on the TV. Each is compelled to do this or else do without. It has to be regular and proportionate and you accept it without a bat of the eye. Your hand may tremble a little when signing on the dotted line but you sign. But not the church. No sir. You will do as you feel. You accept the pledge and the promise of salvation in Christ and your love is so shallow you place your stewardship on the basis of your "feeling" rather than devotion to God through Christ for the salvation of your soul. You are to "lay by" as you have prospered and not as you feel. Proportionate giving or tithing is the solution for selfishness and the best method of stewardship. The ministry of the Church in its worldwide mission depends upon the stewardship of its members. No one will ever become a spiritual giant without practicing stewardship. As one grows in stewardship his life becomes more mellow, his spiritual insight deepens, his sympathy more evident and his service in the kingdom mount step by step. These are the ones who become spiritual giants and real servants of God. You can hang around or hang on but only good stewards will be among the redeemed.

United Society Sends First Missionaries To South Africa

When Mr. and Mrs. William S. Knight, Jr., were commissioned by the United Society on January 25, they became the first couple to be assigned by the Society as missionaries to the Union of South Africa. They expected to leave for their new post with the Boksburg church early in February.

Since 1946 the United Society has had as representatives in South Africa Mr. and Mrs. Basil Holt. The Holts are serving the Linden church in Johannesburg and heading cooperative work of five other Disciples of Christ churches.

At the request of the six churches in South Africa, their work will be more closely identified with the United Society in the future. Assignment of the Knights to the Boksburg church is one aspect of this cooperative move.

Other churches cooperating are located in Johannesburg, Germiston, Benoni, Brakpan and the native location of Orlando, which is a large Negro settlement on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

Disciple Books Are Provided for Union Seminaries Abroad

A Disciples of Christ library of 26 titles has been sent to union seminaries in which the Disciples participate overseas. The books have been provided by the Christian Board of



Mr. and Mrs. William S. Knight, Jr., the first couple assigned as missionaries to the Union of South Africa by the United Society.

Publication after clearance with The United Christian Missionary Society and several seminaries in the United States.

The eleven seminaries receiving Disciple libraries are located in Japan (four schools), Philippines, Argentina, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Belgian Congo and India. Heads of the seminaries responded enthusiastically to the gift.

Reporting on the project to the board of trustees of the Society, Virgil A. Sly, foreign division chairman, said, "This is the first time that the Disciples have tried to witness through such a procedure in our seminaries."

Included in the collection are several books of Disciple history, the 1954 Yearbook and titles by leading Disciple authors.

Self-help Movement Grows in Asian Churches

A small but growing self-help movement can be noted among Christian churches of Asia. This was the observation of A. Russell Stevenson, a director of Church World Service, after his return from a tour of inspection in Asian countries.

The churches of Asia are no longer depending entirely upon help received from the western world to get them through times of crisis, Mr. Stevenson declared. He cited shipments of food and supplies from churches in India and Japan to needy areas in other parts of the Far East.

The National Council of Churches representative pointed out that "Asians are anxious to do their part

in meeting relief needs of the world."

—News in Brief—

Thirteen different countries received a total of 37 shipments of livestock, poultry and eggs during 1955 from Heifer Project, Inc., interfaith relief and rehabilitation agency. Farmers in the U.S.A., Netherlands and Switzerland sent the shipments.

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Two Protestant clergymen were among 55 elected delegates meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, early in 1956 to draft a State Constitution for Alaska. They are R. Rolland Armstrong, Presbyterian (U.S.A.), and M. D. Landberg, Evangelical Mission Covenant.

Students in the dormitory at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Ky. A new service envisioned for this school and community is the provision of a nurse and clinic.



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Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: "God's Revelation of Heaven"

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: "Under the Leaves" Thome

Quartette: Selected

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs.

R. E. Cocherille, Mr. Fred Smell

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F.

The High School boys and girls met at the church last Sunday evening. There were 27 present. A carry-in lunch was enjoyed in the youth room. The worship period, conducted by Arlene Smell, Marilyn Stigers and Barbara Griffith was held in the chapel. Mrs. F. E. Morrical Counsellor, assisted by Robin Miller and Daryl Stigers conducted a most impressive study period followed by group discussion. Next Sunday Evening, April 15, the C.Y.F. will meet at the home of Marilyn and Daryl Stigers, 3610 So. Clinton Street, from 6 to 8 P.M. Robin Miller will present the lesson topic, "Educating Your Hungers". This program should help young people to realize that there are certain basic hungers or drivers which are normal and natural, such as, money, security, comfort, affection or friends, but which must be controlled and educated if they are to serve the purpose of helping one live more in harmony with the Will of God. The aim of this lesson period is to help young people to IDENTIFY these hungers. To know how to educate them and to see the results of this education in Christian growth. Merle Rice, Recreation Co-chairman, will have charge of recreation.

On Saturday, April 21st, the High School boys and girls will meet at the church at 9:30 A.M. to conduct a paper and magazine drive. The purpose of this project is to help secure funds to decorate and furnish the Youth Room. Any donations will be most appreciated.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum will meet next Sunday evening for a dinner meeting from 5 to 7 P.M. a fine program is being arranged. All men of the church and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive will meet in the chapel at 7:15 P.M. Monday evening, April 16. A five-minute Prayer Period will be in the Church parlor at 8 o'clock. The General meeting will follow. Election of Officers will be a part of the business. The Esther Circle is in charge of worship. The Nelson Circle will present the program. "50 Years in Argentina". Hospitality, Fellowship Guild and refreshments will be served by the Montgomery Circle.

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Members of the Fellowship are asked to bring cakes of soap. This is the project for the women in the State for Spring Institute. The Institute is to be at Auburn Christian Church, Friday, April 27th from 9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. You may bring your soap to the general meeting next Monday or leave it at the church office any time before the 26th.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale is to be on April 26 and 27th at 625 E. Lewis St. If possible please take your rummage to the room on Wednesday evening shortly after 7 o'clock, or bring it to the church before that date.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Howard J. Howell in the recent loss of her father.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

A pot-luck dinner meeting will be held Saturday evening, April 14, in Fellowship Hall.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Susan Marie, born April 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Presnell, 2448 John Street. We wish to congratulate this family in their new little daughter.



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AN EMERGENCY

Life is full of them. Sometimes they are exciting, more often aggravating and perplexing. What is there to do? Just meet them. And do it head-on is often the best way. When the T.V. breaks down, you call the repairman lest you miss a favorite program. Sometimes the refrigerator just stops. You take a long breath but there is no use to reprove it. It must run so the emergency man is called and you hope to meet the bill some way. And the old vacuum refuses to run just at the time when it should be whizzing along. Verdict of the repair man is, fix it with a new one. And so it goes in most every thing we do. Emergencies have no respect for your feeling or pocket book. They just make demands. The emergency this time is in the church, you have had them before just as you have had them in the home or your business. Nothing to do but meet it and no one to do it but the members of the church. There has been an emergency in the church ever since Pentecost and will be till the last trumpet call. The emergency this time is the fact that our current fund income is insufficient to meet all the bills, some past due. You can't run a half million dollar institution on wind or good wishes or wishful thinking. Members just have to dig down and meet the Emergency. Not going to make any special campaign for additional pledges. It is not pledges we need but cash. In order to meet this every member of the church, or rather wage earner, will be asked to TITHE his weekly income for the month of May. Every wage earner is on his honor to do it. There will be no argument about the TITHE. Every member will be furnished information as to the how. Truth is, if every wage earner in the church tithed we would not have these financial emergencies in the church. What is more this congregation could pay its entire indebtedness in five years and start another church some where. More about this next week. Get a good breath. No faultfinding, just your tithe is all that is expected.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist
Sermon: "The Glory of The Commonplace"
A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: Selected
Anthem: Selected
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Christian Women's Fellowship Plans Assembly

The first Quadrennial Assembly of women in Disciples of Christ (Christian) churches will be held June 19-23, 1957. The mass meeting is scheduled for the Purdue University campus at Lafayette, Ind.

Planned by a special committee of the International Christian Women's Fellowship, the quadren-

nial is expected to attract 3,000 women from the U.S. and Canada.

Quadrennial committee members are making it clear that the assembly will be a working meeting. Two full days will be devoted to workshops on ways in which women can assume greater responsibility for leadership in their churches. More than 100 discussion groups will be conducted on the workshop days.

State and provincial secretaries of CWF met with national brotherhood leaders at Turkey Run State Park, Ind., in March for several days of discussion on the role of women in the church. Suggestions coming from this meeting will be considered in Quadrennial Assembly workshops.

MCI Works with Adults

The adult program at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Tex., has a marked influence on the life of Spanish-speaking people in that city. Forums, interest groups and parents' classes at MCI reach more men and women each year.

Members of the Mothers' Club at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Tex., weave rugs for their homes. This is one of a variety of adult activities at MCI.



Mexico Missionary Loaned to Argentina

F. J. Huegel, Disciples of Christ missionary to Mexico went to Argentina in January to render six months of special service in evangelism. This assignment demonstrates the policy of the United Christian Missionary Society of making staff members with particular skills available wherever they are most needed.

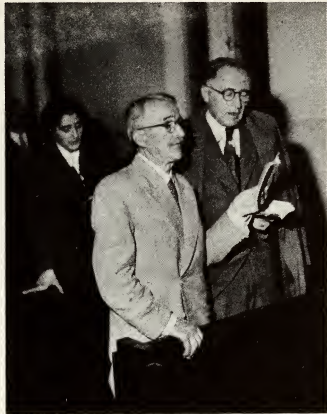
Mr. Huegel, who has taught for a number of years at Union Seminary in Mexico City, has shown unusual ability in communicating the Christian gospel. As Argentina entered the present period in which evangelical churches may make more aggressive plans, the Disciples of Christ in that country sought assistance from a skilled churchman.

While Mr. Huegel works with the churches in Argentina, Mrs. Huegel continues this year in her teaching at the Union Seminary in Mexico.

Book of Amos Is Bible Book of the Month

The writings of the prophet Amos have been chosen by the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature as the Bible Book of the Month for May. Readers are asked to determine what the message of Amos is for this day and what social economic and religious conditions in Israel are revealed in this book.

The Commission suggests that "the practice of reading a book at one sitting will make Bible reading more effective."



—Black Star Photo

F. J. Huegel (right) worships in Villa Mitre church, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

—News in Brief—

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society has scheduled the cornerstone laying for its new building in Nashville, Tenn., April 25.

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The Jamaica Mission, oldest mission field of Disciples of Christ will observe its centennial in 1958.

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More than 2,600 speaking engagements in churches, conventions and conferences were filled by missionaries, national staff and Christian leaders from overseas in 1954-1955. These speakers were assigned by the United Society.

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C.Y.F.

The High School Youth met at the home of Marilyn and Daryl Stigers last Sunday evening 6 to 8 P.M. The worship was conducted by Arlene Smell, Worship Chairman. Prayer was given by Mr. F. E. Morrical, Counsellor. A fine lunch was enjoyed by a good attendance. For recreation, the Youth conducted a Scavenger hunt.

Next Sunday, April 22nd, the C.Y.F. will meet at the church for their meeting 6 to 8 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, parents of Sharon, Marshall and Forest Smith, will furnish the lunch at the church. The lesson topic will be, "Personality—This Body of Mine". The purpose of this program is to stimulate teen-age interest in physical well-being. Because health influences greatly one's attitude toward life, it is important that Christian young people take care of themselves physically. This program provides valuable pointers for those who want to keep themselves healthy. Daryl Stigers will be in charge of the lesson. Arlene Smell in charge of Worship and Peggy McFarland, Barbara Staley and Merle Rice will be in charge of recreation.

All High School youth are urged to meet at the church next Saturday, April 21st at 9:30 A.M. to conduct a paper and magazine drive. They will bring a covered dish and have a carry-in lunch at noon at the church. The purpose of this project is to secure funds to decorate and furnish the Youth Room at the church. Any donations will be most appreciated.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Vacation Church School will be held June 11-22 inclusive, Monday through Friday mornings, 9 to 11:30 A.M. at the Church. All teachers and helpers have been notified this week of the Vacation Church School Institute to be held Monday and Tuesday evening, April 23, 24; 30, and May 1st, 7:30 - 9:15 P.M. at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church at Clinton and Dewald streets. This is sponsored each year by the Children's Work Committee of the Associated Churches and all teachers and helpers in our local church will derive much benefit from this session. Mrs. F. E. Morrical is the director of our local Vacation Church School this year.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Carl D. Linn, in the recent death of his father, at the age of 88. Mr. Linn made his home at Paulding, Ohio.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A new baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Bruner April 16th, at Lutheran Hospital. We wish to congratulate these fine parents. Mr. and Mrs. Bruner live at R.R. 1, LaOtto, Ind.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS — INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

We have at present 31 paid pre-registrations, which is fine. However, our accepted goal is 150 pre-registrations before May 15. Let us meet our goal. See Mr. Griggs, Mr. Robertson or the secretary.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Christian Women's Fellowship is having a Rummage sale Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, at 625 E. Lewis St. Get your rummage there on Wednesday evening at 7 P.M. Thank you.

SPRING INSTITUTE — DISTRICT No. 1

April 27, at Auburn Church of Christ

Several are planning to drive to the Spring Institute, at Auburn next week, from this church. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is taking charge of transportation; call her if you wish to go. Coffee and dessert will be furnished by the Host church. Each person is asked to take her own sandwiches. We should like as many to go as possible. Cakes of toilet or laundry soap is the project. Bring your gift of soap to the church before that date.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Martin Wagner is ill at his home.



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BE LIFTED UP

A flourishing institution is both a heart warming and inspiring thing in life. You seek out such in commercial life; in fact you avoid the drab and the disorderly where every employee has the "beaten look", one that manifests an apologetic air for the lack of order. It is no fun to visit a home where you have to step over every sort of disorderliness and empty a chair before you even are able to sit down. Whatever the apologies, it just don't take away the feeling of disappointment. Go where you will, the well-ordered place gives you a lift. Did you ever try to park your car where all the others had violated the usual rule of placing the car? No use to describe your feeling or print your expletives. It sure does something to your otherwise pleasant state of mind.

It is no different in the church. Everyone likes a well-ordered building and a sanctuary that creates a reverence on entry. Also we want to hear a challenging message that will make you a part of the Church's world mission. You want good music and rightly so for music does something to our soul that nothing else does. The usher's greeting and the bulletin have a part in all this as well as many other things. In order to have all this and more, just one other thing is necessary and that is stewardship on the part of the worshipper that makes possible the ministry of the church in every phase of its work. The best approach to stewardship is tithing and there is no question about your helping to sustain the work of the church when doing so.

Recently the officers of the church voted unanimously to request the church to Tithe during the month of May and to show their approval in a definite way. 48 have committed themselves to do so. The others have not been seen, as yet, but there is a reason to believe every one will do so. This action is a heart-warming one. Every member of the church will be given the opportunity to join them in this stewardship effort. It will not only be a spiritual experience but a revealing one in the actual strength of the church that is to make possible a full and well rounded ministry of the church.

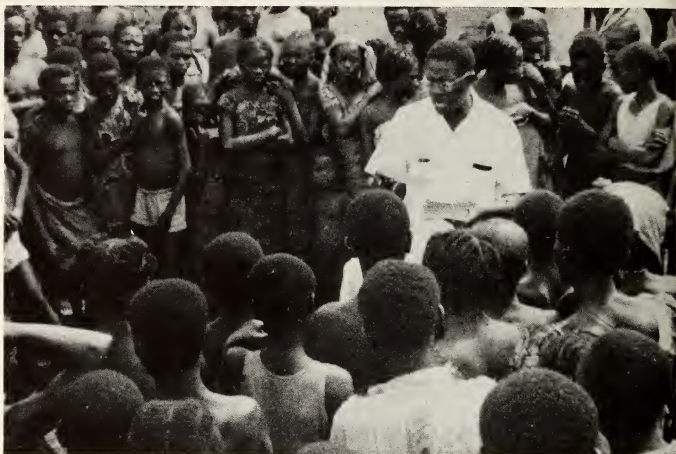
MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Calvary" by Rodney
Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist

Anthem: "Incline Thine Ear" Arkhangelsky
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "Some Notable 'Excepts'"
A. B. Robertson, Minister



—Photo by Clarence Williams

New Christians in the Congo crowd around pastor Ntange Timothy waiting to receive their Christian cards (baptism certificates) at a gathering in the Mondombe area.

Men Rushed to Congo to Speed up Construction

With Congolese turning to Christianity and missionary help in ever-

increasing numbers, two American men and their wives have left for the Belgian Congo to work on building construction at mission centers. Appointed for three years by the United Christian Missionary Society are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Felkel and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Depew.

—News in Brief—

Facilities of the Christian Home, St. Louis, Mo., were expanded late in 1955 to accommodate more children awaiting admission. The home is one of 15 sponsored by the National Benevolent Association.

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A student aid plan is being considered by Mount Beulah Christian Center and Tougaloo Southern Christian College, both in Mississippi. The plan calls for a work program at the center combined with study at the college.

Mr. Felkel has been in charge of construction for the Texas Board of Christian Churches and Mr. Depew has been minister of First Christian Church, Joplin, Mo. Mrs. Felkel and Mrs. Depew will assist with other missionary duties.

It is expected that additional builders will be sent to Congo in the near future to increase the mission construction force.

Christian Young People To Serve in Work Camps this Summer

Many Disciples of Christ young people are preparing to devote this summer to church-sponsored work camps. Several projects are to be undertaken at Disciples' centers.

Arrangements are being made for the high school and older youth by the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society. Projects sponsored by the Disciples and ecumenical organizations are scheduled for both the United States and overseas.

In these projects, the young laborers will do carpentry, gardening, group work, religious education and other jobs.

Already the United Society has received around 250 inquiries and processed about 60 applications.

Hopes Stewardship Will Come from High Motives

Appeals for money by churches are "pretty thin" if made for pride, patriotism, fear or other "flimsy" or "false" motives, Protestant stewardship leaders have heard. The caution came at a National Council of Churches meeting from Dr. John Peters, head of the stewardship department of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., who said, "Our response to the love of Christ is the foundation for giving."

A service committee of the Disciples Student Fellowship at Columbia, Mo., plans projects to express Christian concern during a retreat of the church student group.

—Photo by Richard Dickinson



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C.Y.F.

Next Sunday evening the C.Y.F. will meet at the church from 6 to 8 P.M. They will enjoy their carry-in lunch in the youth room at 6 P.M. The worship period will be held in the Chapel under the direction of Arlene Smell. The lesson period will be entered into by the entire group led by the Counsellor. Our lesson topic will be, "Be Your Own Quarterback". The purpose of this lesson is to help the young people to understand some of the marks of Christian growth which they should be developing in their everyday living. This session is particularly aimed at helping them realize that freedom and the right to be one's own boss are rights to be won through showing a capacity for **self-direction, high standards of conduct, and self-discipline**. The recreation will be in charge of Barbara Staley, Merle Rice and Peggy McFarland. All High School boys and girls are most cordially welcome to attend the Sunday morning classes at 9:15 A.M. in the Youth Room, and the fellowship hour each Sunday evening from 6 to 8 P.M.

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Please note all high school conference applications must be turned in to Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Counsellor, by this Sunday, April 29th. They must be filled out fully by the youth, the parents, the doctor and the minister and accompanied by the fee required.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. K. L. Edwards, 5607 Fairfield Ave., Tuesday, May 1st, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. A. S. Betz will give devotions, Mrs. Edwards program. The Dye and Kepple Circles will meet at the home of Mrs. Hugh Rice, 5827 Fernwood, Wednesday, May 2, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Lyle Jessup, a missionary to the Dominican Republic, will be guest speaker. Mrs. David Hogg will give devotions. The Dye circle members will have a sale. The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. David McCrosky, 4620 Lafayette Esplanade, Tuesday, May 1st, at 1:30 P.M.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne St. Thursday, May 3rd 8:00 P.M.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Bertha Meyers, a member of McGavran Circle, is a surgical patient in room 426, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Judith Rice and Vicki Lyon are ill at their homes.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

A son was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Koomler, R.R. 14. Congratulations, parents!

SYMPATHY

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. Carl Lynn, in the recent death of his mother at Paulding, Ohio. She was 82 years of age. Mr. Linn's father died just two weeks ago. Also, we wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. Romane Cole and family in the recent loss of her father, Mr. O. H. Rigsbee of Fairmount, Ind.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

We enjoyed another Coffee Hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cocherille last Thursday. In two months our choir season will be over, but we are still anxious to increase our membership. Won't you come join us? We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

—Don Miller

Y-CHURCH SOFTBALL

As far as I know now First Christian will again field a Softball Team this Summer. The age limit is from 14 years up. One positive requirement is, Regular Church Attendance, starting the first of May. Unless there is bad weather we will have a meeting at McMillan Park at the West Softball Diamond No. 1. For further information call Don Miller, K-4147.

REMEMBER TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE 117th INDIANA STATE CONVENTION



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A FINE RESPONSE

May is designated as a month of tithing. This will be new for some but old for others as several in the church have been tithers for many years. The officers in regular session voted to have such, and fifty seven out of sixty-seven officers signed cards indicating they would join in such an effort. Last Sunday morning on invitation of the minister the officers—46 of them—came forward for a special dedication to carry the effort to the whole congregation. It was a very moving sight. The minister gave each officer blank enlistment cards to be used this week and a report will be made next Sunday. And they went to work at the close of the service. Seventy cards in all have been turned in and it will go much beyond the hundred by next Sunday. It is hoped to reach the whole church in this Tithing Experience during the month of May. NOW LISTEN TO THIS. The First Missionary Association Church, at Rudisill and South Wayne Ave., of **six hundred members—A TITHING CHURCH**—gave \$30,000 to missions last year, plus current expense. There is no limit to what we can do if we wish and have the heart to try. For one month every member is asked to tithe. A simple request. All are able. How are we to do it. Here is the simple way:

Weekly Earning	Business Expense	Amount to Tithe	Tithe
\$100.00	\$15.00	\$85.00	\$8.50
50.00	None	50.00	5.00

How to divide the Tithe:

Sunday School	\$1.00
Building Fund	3.00
Current Expense	4.50
	<u>\$8.50</u>

Second Example:

Sunday School	\$.50
Building Fund	2.00
Current Expense	2.50
	<u>\$5.00</u>

Let's make MAY a great experience in STEWARDSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon:

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory:

Miss Audrey Coburn, Contralto

Anthem: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" by Rathbun

Miss Helen Flaig, Director



Sanatorio la Esperanza, the Hope Hospital at Aguascalientes, Mexico, is to be toured by business and professional women visiting throughout Mexico, August 4-25.

Business and Professional Women to Tour Mexico

Business and professional women of Christian churches (Disciples)

—News in Brief—

Disciples of Christ will be represented in an exhibit of Belgian Congo Protestant missions at a 1958 Belgian International Exposition in Brussels.

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A library of 26 books about Disciples of Christ has been sent to each of 11 seminaries overseas by The United Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Board of Publication.

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The average salary given a Disciple minister was \$4,030.86 in 1955 plus \$604.62 for housing.

are taking a three-week vacation tour this summer to Mexico to visit Disciple mission centers. The tour also takes in many popular tourist attractions.

Scheduled for Aug. 4-25, the tour begins in St. Louis and travels by train. It is sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society and being conducted by Miss Katherine Schutze, national director of business women's groups for Christian Women's Fellowships.

The tour is arranged as a vacation for working women as well as for a firsthand account of Disciple developments in Mexico. Among centers to be visited are Colegio Ingles at San Luis Potosi, the Jerez Valley, and the farm for young people near Pabellon.

For information, write Mission Tours, U.C.M.S., 222 So. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

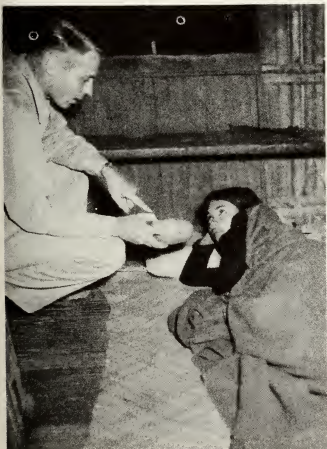
Philippine Disciples Lead in Plan to Set Up Leprosy Treatment Center

Disciples of Christ in the Philippines consider medical aid to be an important Christian service to the people.

A movement is under way to establish a "Hansen's Agricultural Village" to care for lepers in Ilocos Sur province. An estimated 300 persons in the vicinity of Vigan are afflicted with leprosy, or Hansen's disease, missionary Harriet Reynolds reports.

Local opinion, swayed by traditional fears, has to be educated and allayed first, and the Division of Sanitaria of the government has cautioned for delay. Efforts are under way to develop needed support.

Missionary Norwood Tye visits a young Filipino Christian, recovering from an illness, and suggests aids to recovery.



—RNS Photo

Bishop of chaplains for the new West German military is Dr. Herman Kunst (right) shown with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. The chaplains will not wear uniforms or have insignia of rank.

Heifer Project Gets Animals Wherever Needed

Sheep from Christians in the United States are improving the food and wool supply for people in Ecuador. The shipment, made in February, is typical of activities of Heifer Project, Inc., a church-sponsored program to which Disciples of Christ contribute through social welfare work of The United Christian Missionary Society. The Project concentrates on getting livestock to people in need throughout the world to replace losses or improve their meager resources.

Other recent shipments include Dutch duck eggs and Japanese cattle to Korea, goats to Mexico, Formosa, and Greece, and cattle to Mississippi. Expectations are for expanded service this year.

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

SPECIAL ATTENTION — ALL CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

There will be an important planning meeting with Mr. Lyle Harvey, State Director of Christian Education, on May 10th 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Church. Hold this date open, please.

G. M. Cripe

C.Y.F.

The High School Young people will meet at the home of Nancy Hill, 2134 Owaissa Way, next Sunday evening from 6 to 8 P.M. The lesson topic will be "When I Do As I Please". The purpose of the lesson is to help young people see the point of view of their parents and understand the problems they create when they do as they please. Also, it will help them understand that family living is what the whole family, with each member contributing his part, makes it.

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The young people of the C.Y.F. made \$29.00 from their paper drive.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 6 A. C. Worley — David Griggs May 20 Carter Palmer—Maxwell Smith

May 13 Cecil Rice — Owen Vaught May 27 Grayston Cripe—John Craig

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Captain—Wm. Cardwell, H-4920; Robert Hendricks, Merland Heller, J. L. Brubaker, T. D. Eddleman, Dale Hiler, Jay McCarel, Arthur Lyon, John Hechler, Phillip Uhl, Donald Smith, Romane Cole, Merle Morkoetter.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO TITHE DURING MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bret R. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Bert W. Leverssee, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, David A. Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shockney, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Love, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Sherman G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. Dale C. Hiler, Mr. and Mrs. John Hechler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Young, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harman, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Jay J. McCarel, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Clair E. Buskirk, Mrs. James Hirschy, Miss Audrey Coburn, Miss Carole Truby, Delmas Young, Mrs. H. E. Brown, Mrs. L. R. Mote, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reynolds. (to be continued)

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Stella Burkhalter is a patient in Room 224, Parkview Hospital.

C.W.F. MAY BREAKFAST

The Christian Women's Fellowship will hold their annual May Breakfast on May 28th at 9:30 A.M. Miss Margaret Lawrence, former missionary to China, will be the speaker. All women of the church and their friends are cordially invited. Get your reservations in by the 24th.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be on May 17 at the Third Presbyterian Church, Taber and Harrison Streets at 6:30 P.M. The Dye Circle is in charge of Place, Time, and Menu; Higdon and Montgomery Circle in charge of Program; Nelson and McGavron Circles in charge of decorations; Gish Circle in charge of reservations. Price \$1.25 and 65c for children under 10 years.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

Will have a party in the church gym, Friday, May 18 at 8 P.M.

PRE-REGISTRATION TO INDIANA STATE CONVENTION CLOSES MAY 13th.



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OUR MOTHERS

Sunday is a very special day for the mothers of the land. It is good to set aside a day in their honor and pay a just tribute to her place in the home and other spheres of activity. Flowers will gladden her heart, a note of appreciation will cause her to hum a familiar tune while at her morning's preparation for the day. Maybe she will not have much in the way for preparation of the day as some families have the custom of doing all things on this occasion. There is a smile on her face and a bit of misgiving for she well knows that some of the good intentions will be amiss and that she will have to make amends next day. But she accepts all favors and lets the morrow take care of itself. She is entitled to some special favors for she is a wonderful person. She will bind up a cut finger, straighten a tie, and tell some careless member of the family where to find certain clothing and all this in one minute's time or less. She will know when to spread love real thick and at the same time get in a bit of discipline that is needed. She may or may not carry a big stick but make up your mind she will be the chief planner of the home and provide most of the ordinary comforts for the family. The marvel is that she can do so many things at once and do them so wonderfully well. The man of the house will loiter in his big chair but she will be knitting or making some bit of clothing for one of the children thinking all about just how it is going to fit. Busy as she is in the home, she finds time for outside activities in many organizations. It is true that many gadgets have released her from much household drudgery but none the less she has a multitude of things to do. No eight hour duty for her. The only union that she knows is the union of the household where she is wife, mother, nurse, teacher and diplomat extraordinary. This latter office is no small matter in the home as she must keep members of the family in a good mood so things will run smooth. OUR MOTHERS—They are wonderful persons. Let's honor them Sunday both in the church and the home.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: "A Leaf From A Mother's Notebook"

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: Selected

Duet: Mrs. L. R. Mote, Miss Helen Flaig

Anthem: "God Is A Spirit" Bennett

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Expect Thirty Thousand Men at Protestant Rally

Nearly 30,000 men will jam the municipal auditorium in Cleveland,

Ohio, for the nation's greatest rally of Protestant men, Sept. 14-16, according to present expectations. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and evangelist Billy Graham headline the program of this first National Convention of Christian Men.

—News in Brief—

During the year ending June 30, 1955, there were 59,859 persons added to Christian churches (Disciples) in Canada and the U.S.A. by baptism.

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Nationally, Disciples averaged giving \$6.88 per person for missions in the past fiscal year.

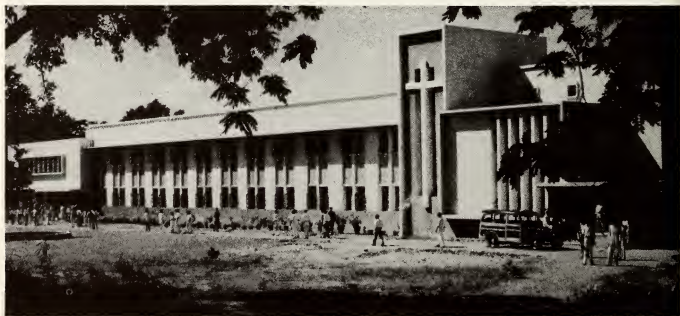
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School children in Indianapolis, Ind., are taught history of religions and religion in the development of the United States. Both subjects are treated as social studies.

Leaders among Disciples of Christ men nationally anticipate that at least 2,400 men in the Brotherhood are so ardent in their religious lives that they will attend. Disciples have long recognized the impact a movement of United Church Men could have in the nation and are now well represented in the leadership of this growing Protestant force.

Because of the potential importance this rally has for future Christian influence upon both America and the world, Disciples are concentrating much effort toward assuring its success.

An imposing sight is this new two-story building for offices, chapel and classes at Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India. Some Disciples study here.



N.B.A. Home Given Chapel

The Illinois Christian Home, an institution of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, has a new chapel. To be known as the Ramsey Memorial Chapel, the room was furnished by Miss Mattie Ramsey, a church school teacher at Denver, Ill., for 48 years. Her gift includes a Hammond organ.

Across the nation are 15 homes for children and the aged supported by Disciples of Christ through the National Benevolent Association. The Illinois Christian Home is at Jacksonville.



Miss Mattie Ramsey is surrounded by her gifts to Illinois Christian Home.

Five-point Minimum Community Service Advocated for Churches

Every church should complete a minimum of two projects in community social action a year, advocates the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society. This is one of a five-point minimum program. Minimum organization is a chairman to get the other four phases carried out. Minimum information includes *Social Action News-Letter* from UCMS. Annual observances should include a minimum of two Christian Action Sundays and an education program.

Church Colleges Slip In Religious Responsibility

The nation is being deprived of "spiritually inspired leadership" because Protestantism lacks aggressiveness in church-related schools. This problem has been posed to the National Council of Churches' Com-



—RNS Photo

Sally Fraser and Ron Hagerthy star in *Far From Alone*, Hollywood's new, "completely different," temperance movie.

mission on Christian Higher Education by its chairman, Dr. John O. Gross. Religion in some church schools is only "verbalism," he asserts. He has called for reconsideration in Christian higher education.

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C.Y.F.

The High School C.Y.F. met last Sunday evening with Nancy Hill. Lunch was served to 24 youth and their counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical and daughter, Ann. A check for \$33.00 will be sent to the Christian World Fellowship Fund. This is their yearly missionary project and is an increase of 10% over last year. The lesson was led by Steven Coleman, Fred and Susan Van Fossen, Marty Lehman and Larry Carson. Peggy McFarland and Merle Rice were in charge of recreation. The meeting closed with prayer and Friendship Circle.

The Youth will meet next Sunday evening at the home of Merle Rice, 5827 Fernwood from 6 to 8 P.M. Worship by Arlene Smell. The lesson "Shirking or Working" will show what happens when members of a family shirk their responsibility and how the acceptance of individual responsibility makes for happier living and builds better personalities. Those in need of transportation, please meet at the church at 5:30 P.M.

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Congratulations to our own Bill Kreps of CYF, who has been chosen one of 19 finalists for the Ft. Wayne Newspapers, Inc., 1956 scholarship awards. This is quite an honor as requirements for it are high. Bill is a senior this year.

LOOKING AHEAD

The High School Youth will honor the 1956 Graduates in their group with a breakfast at 8:30 A.M. on June 3rd at Baer Field Restaurant. Following the breakfast and program the youth will attend the Church services together at 10:30 A.M. for a recognition service. All are urged to keep this date in mind.

MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The C.M.F. will meet Sunday, May 13 from 5 to 7 P.M. Mr. John H. Lehman, General Secretary, Y.M.C.A. will speak. The Food Committee will be Walter Birkhold, Chrmn., Wm. Conrad, and Lester Beck.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet Tuesday evening, May 15, 8 o'clock, with Mrs. Myron M. Cole, 450 Clermont Ave.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Marion Favory, 3813 Central Dr. May 14th at 6:30 P.M. for a carry-in dinner. Study and devotions will follow.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Ernest Kattas, 4221 Oliver St. Monday, May 14 at 7:45 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Gerald Elser, Movie - Program.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St. Monday, May 14 at 8 P.M. Leader, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Devotions, Mrs. Ruth Eiler.

MEMBERS INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO TITHE DURING MAY (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Betz, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smelser, Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Scott B. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mr. and Mrs. Romane Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. Lona C. Miller, Mrs. Ethel Richhart, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Edwards.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Jack E. Weicker was a surgical patient at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Clair E. Buskirk was admitted to Irene Byron Sanitarium this week. Our prayers are with these fine folk and their families.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Jones at Parkview, Monday evening, May 7. Congratulations, parents!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The C.W.F. Mother-Daughter Banquet will be May 17 at the Third Presbyterian Church 6:30 P.M. A fine program is being planned. Price \$1.25, 65c for children 12 years and under. Get your reservations to Mrs. Wm. Crouse, H-67110, Mrs. L. H. Higgins, H-0601; or the Church office by May 15th. All women of the church are cordially invited.

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Come Double class will have a party in the church gym, Friday, May 18 at 8.



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SMELLING SALTS

This medication is used when one is in danger of passing out by reason of some emergency. Don't know much about the effectiveness of such things. Now and then when someone goes to sleep or gets drowsy I know one thing that will bring them to their feet quick. Give them a whiff of ammonia and they may think the top of their head is coming off. It is temporary but effective. A lot of people need some such medication to wake them up. They may be walking around with eyes wide open but still asleep. No not sleep walking. Just plain indifference to things about them. For church people who thus suffer it is good to confront them with something of this kind: "He that soweth sparingly will reap sparingly." Or, "God is not mocked, for whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap." Hold such up to your eyes and so close that you see nothing else for a moment and it might cause a revolution in your stewardship. You just can't cast crumbs on the water and get a whole loaf back. Tithing is the most successful stewardship for it is regular, proportionate and definite. The tither is a happy man because he feels himself in great company and an obligation well discharged. Why don't you try it? Those Pearly Gates will never swing ajar for the tight fisted and the careless steward. Devotion is the measure that admits. Is your gift to God a real measure of your devotion or a kind of cheap tip. The church will go on regardless of your carelessness but will you measure up to the sonship of God if careless about the vital things of life. When you fail to meet installments on various articles purchased or to pay taxes you know exactly what happens. Is it any the less true when you fail to be a good steward? God does not exact payments, but devotion to Him certainly will bring forth mercy. Also, peace of mind for you.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: The Road To Increase

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory:

Anthem: "God Is A Spirit" Bennet

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



A good corn crop is shown above partly shocked last year on God's Acre at Mountain of Light Farm, Pabellon, Mexico. Below, snack time while shelling the corn.



Zeal for God's Acre Shows in Early Morning At Mountain of Light Farm

Wheat is the crop being raised this year by boys at Mountain of Light Farm on their God's Acre. The boys residing at this Disciples of Christ rural center near Pabellon, Mexico, cultivate a God's Acre crop every year. Last season it was corn. Since the boys have little income, the crops are sold to meet their pledges to Christian causes.

In their enthusiasm for a good crop this season, some of the boys were out irrigating the plot at three o'clock one morning reports missionary Miss Ruth Leslie. The seed had been planted following a brief period of worship in the field. After hearing the parable of the sower, each person sowed a handful of seed while the whole group sang the hymn "I Will Sow the Precious Seed."

—News in Brief—

Mrs. Douglas Horton, a vice-president of the National Council of Churches, has been named one of the six "most successful women of 1955" by *Woman's Home Companion*.

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Children's Day, stressing support of missions by children, is Sunday, June 3.

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Disciples of Christ baptized 6,325 persons overseas last year.

Stewardship Enforced As Basic to Christian Life In Bible Book of Month

Christians take some of their most important instruction about managing life from the Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians. This letter is recommended by the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature for reading during the coming month.

Second Corinthians, written from keen insight, helps to clarify and enforce the basic Christian tenet of stewardship.

The author of this correspondence not only helped to create patterns for Christian living but is a fascinating person himself as this letter reveals.

Yakima Mission To Serve Tribal Youth Camp

The Tribal Council of the Yakima Indians in Washington State has asked the Yakima Indian Christian Mission to help provide religious nurture at its new youth camp. Plans are to open the camp this summer after a year's delay. Located on a slope of Mount Adams within the Yakima Reservation, the camp is to include dormitories, a dining hall and a lodge. Mr. Oscar Hoovan represents the mission in making program arrangements.

Mission director Malcolm Norment looks forward to serving the new camp and the many Yakimas who go to the mountains to pick huckleberries in season.

Children board the school bus at Yakima Indian Christian Mission to go to school in White Swan, Wash. This summer many of them will attend the tribal youth camp.



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MEMBERS INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO TITHE FOR MAY (Continued)

Miss Mildred Hartman, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Alma Beck, Tommy Rayl, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. David Hogg, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Mrs. Flora M. Virts, Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Raymond Russell is a patient in Room 259, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. E. L. Harris suffered a broken limb in a fall last week and is a patient in room 316 Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. C. E. Buskirk — Patient at Irene Byron Sanitarium.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dow E. Wilkins last Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital. Congratulations to parents! Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilkins are the proud grandparents.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. J. R. Coar in the recent loss of his brother. Also, to Mrs. Kenneth Richwine and family. Mr. Richwine passed away last Saturday.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will hold an Executive meeting next Monday evening, May 21st at the church at 8 o'clock. Officers and Group leaders please try to be present. The May Breakfast is Monday, May 28th at 9:30 A.M.

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I saw a delicate flower had grown up two feet high, between the horses' path and the wheeltrack. An inch more to right or left had sealed its fate, or an inch higher; and yet it lived to flourish as much as if it had a thousand acres of untrodden space around it, and never knew the danger it incurred. It did not borrow trouble, nor invite an evil fate by apprehending it.

—Henry David Thoreau

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never happen.

—James Russell Lowell



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A GOING CONCERN

A going concern is a growing concern. Growth is a healthful condition and for an institution like the church; it must grow. Holding its own is not enough. That is just plain static and what brings you to your feet quicker than when a radio or T.V. set produces static. You do something about it at once. You will put up with a bit of rasping but seek correction. First Church is a wonderful institution. It is a going concern. Its growth must be a thing of constant delight to those who support it. Support from every one of the members is what makes it grow. Not only in gifts, but the gift of yourself in time and service. Sure, there will be some unpleasant tasks but do you know of anything that grows without some difficulties? You either thrive on them or let such get you down. This latter just cannot happen in the Church. Truth is, that every difficulty is an opportunity. And it is a lot of fun to overcome them and stand to one side and say with a lot of others, "We did it." And in that moment of triumph you might also ask, "What is next?" It will be something that should be done. Never grumble about the problems of the church. No problems, no church, and that would be a bad state of affairs. May it never happen to First Church. Now and then you may want to ease up a bit but there is no quitting unless you want to die. Churches don't die, they just fade away for lack of support. There is no evidence of that in First Church. It is a going concern and will continue through the concern of a devoted membership. It would be a good time for you to say, "Hurrah!" Then make sure that your Tithe or offering will be in next Sunday.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon:

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: Selected, Miss Helen Flaig, Contralto

Anthem: "Heavenly Light" Wilhousky

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



Typical of buildings in this section of Jamaica, Canada Hall at Christian College clings to a hillside. Graduates include teachers, farmers, nurses and pastors.

Christian College in Jamaica Has Bridged Education Gap Ten Years

Christian College at Lawrence Tavern, Jamaica, in the British West Indies, marks ten years of service this year. A rural high school, it is the only bridge available for many Jamaicans to higher education and better living.

Graduates of Christian College show the value of religious nurture to vocational success and use of the latter to fulfill religious obligations.

Rev. C. A. Robertson is principal of Christian College, and under a British system, the school is certified by Cambridge University in London.

—News in Brief—

The Florida Christian Home has received several heating pads for use by its aged residents.

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Several children at the St. Louis Christian Home keep glasses of water by their beds in which to put partial dental plates at night. Often children entering the home have plates or defective teeth from neglect or malnutrition.

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According to a National Council of Churches survey, religious television programs average sixth in audience popularity but receive one per cent of telecast time.

Caution Needed to Get Right Supplies for Missions

Mice in Jamaica chew up plastic communion cups. Acids in fruit juices used elsewhere dissolve aluminum cups. Similar lessons learned the hard way and rules of packing, export clearance, tariffs and embargoes are essential information to The United Christian Missionary Society to be sure missionaries receive usable supplies. "Sending supplies to missions in the U.S. is a small job in comparison," sighs the United Society's director of matériel services, Mr. James Sugioka.

Ordinary gelatin capsules for medicine melt in the tropics, and American-made electrical appliances do not work in some places.

The United Society prefers that gifts be sent directly to missionaries. Yet it also urges donors to avoid disappointments by first checking their intentions with its experienced personnel. The staff shares the



Mr. Sugioka figures how to stretch the budget to pay for all supplies needed.

spirit of giving, and it is thorough in its efforts to assure satisfaction for both donor and recipient.

Rev. Vinton Bradshaw of the Dale Hollow, Tenn., Larger Parish greets the Midway congregation. The parish receives United Christian Missionary Society subsidy.



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CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS — JUNE 3, 1956

Class	Attendance	Offering
Men's Class	10	\$25.00
Ladies Class	12	20.00
Friendly Class	20	25.00
Progressive Class	30	25.00
Come Double	50	35.00
High School	35	10.00
Junior High	20	6.00
Upper Junior	25	8.00
Lower Junior	25	6.00
Primary	30	7.00
Kindergarten	35	8.00
Nursery	30	5.00

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Vacation Church School begins June 11 to June 22, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Children three years to twelve inclusive, are invited to attend. Fee: \$1.00 per child, \$1.50 per family.

C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

The High School C.Y.F. will meet next Sunday evening at the church for a carry-in lunch and program from 6 to 8 P.M. Barbara Staley will have charge of recreation; Arlene Smell, devotions; and John Young, President, program.

The High School graduates will be honored with a breakfast at the Airport Restaurant Sunday morning, June 3rd. After the breakfast they will attend church, sitting together in a special place reserved for them. All High School Youth are invited.

MAY BREAKFAST

The Christian Women's Fellowship will sponsor its annual May Breakfast Monday morning, May 28th at 9:30 PROMPT, in Fellowship Hall. The Worship Committee, Mrs. E. G. Rose, chairman, is in charge of devotions. Miss Margaret Lawrence, former missionary to China, will be our speaker. Miss Arlene Smell will sing. Members of the Executive Committee will serve as hostesses. The Kepple Circle will serve the breakfast. Each Circle is asked to be responsible for guests for a minimum of two tables. Let us top last year's attendance of 80. A Nurse will be provided to care for the little children in the church Nursery.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Floyd E. Morrical was honored and awarded a plaque, at an annual dinner given by his firm, for twenty-five years loyal service. We all wish him the best in the years ahead.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Edith Darby fell last Sunday afternoon and fractured her hip. She is a patient in room 279, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. O. G. Schell is a patient at Veteran's Hospital.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Northern Indiana Men's Retreat Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, will be held at Lake Barbee June 2-3. "Christian Education" is the theme for 1956. Registration fee (including all meals and lodging) \$5.00 and reservations must be in by Wednesday, May 30. Mail to: Maxwell P. Smith, Director of Department of Men's Work, Indianapolis Christian Missionary Association, 836 E. Kessler Blvd., Indianapolis 20. Programs are available in the Church Office. It is important that First Christian have representation at this Retreat.

TITHING FOR MAY (continued)

Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Those from First Church who attended sessions of the State Convention are Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. A. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. Glenn Miller, Mr. David Griggs, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist.



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TITHING

YES

YOUR FINANCIAL STATUS FOR THE MONTH WAS NOT DISRUPTED BECAUSE YOU TITHED. YOUR SPIRITUAL INSIGHT WAS DEEPENED.

NO.

YOUR FINANCIAL STATUS IS NO BETTER BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO TITHE YOUR INCOME. STEWARDSHIP IS TO SPIRITUAL INSIGHT, WHAT THE LENSE IS TO A STIGMATIC EYE.

TRY.

WON'T YOU TRY IT DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE? IF YOUR TITHE CAUSES YOU TO GO BROKE, THE CHURCH WILL RE-FUND YOUR TITHE.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon:

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: Miss Arlene Smell, Soprano

Anthem: "Brother James' Air" Jacob

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

CHILDREN'S DAY—Special offerings will be taken.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 11 to 22

South American Disciple Joins in Brazil Work Camp

Christian work camps for young people are becoming increasingly important in the religious life of South America. From Argentina, Victorio Aviero, a Disciple minis-

terial student from Paraguay, reports on an ecumenical project in which he has taken part.

The project, at Pedra Sonora, Brazil, was construction of a center for church conferences. Victorio says that manual labor motivated by the Holy Spirit became a symbol of unity for the Christian youth from 16 countries working together. The 32 youth represented nine Christian communions in Europe, Africa, North and South America, and from Russia.

The Brazil project was sponsored jointly by the World Council of Churches, the Student Christian Union of Brazil, and the Latin American Christian Youth Movement.

As yet it is impossible to estimate the number of Disciple young people in work projects this summer.

Government Grain Surplus Being Sent Overseas by Week of Compassion Funds

With the recent release of surplus grain by the federal government, Christian relief and rehabilitation agencies are beginning to ship large quantities to people throughout the world. Disciples of Christ, through the Week of Compassion appeal in February, allocated \$363,330 from this special fund for worldwide relief.

Release of the grain this spring resulted from a Christian appeal.

Jarvis Helps Farmers

Rural people who have secured a minimum of production, income, and satisfaction from their work are being helped by the Fundamental Education program being developed at Jarvis Christian College. In the changing economy of the rural South, Fundamental Education leaders teach persons how to make the best use of material resources. The farmers learn what basic scientific agriculture will help them. The program also tries to increase the stability of workers and their communities.

Jarvis Christian College stresses vocational as well as cultural education, and located in a rural area, has long aided near-by residents.



Jarvis president Cleo Blackburn explains how to reclaim land to assistants.



—Photos from *Black Star*

Young conferees throughout America this summer join in Friendship Circle rituals every night. The group above climaxes a day at Lake Brownwood in Texas.

Christian Conferences And Camps Open Again

Summer camps and conferences are beginning another season as high lights of Christian living for young people. At least as many as the 22,293 youth who flocked with their friends to 290 camps and conferences last year will probably do it again this summer.

Conference and camp life thrives on individual and group worship.

Camps and conferences feature informal study, worship, and recreation, and Christian ideals are easily shared and cultivated.

Camps and conferences for children, adults, and families are also getting under way.

A quartet practices in a quiet grove. Conferences and camps have great appeal because religion is put to use.



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Due to the many school activities and the morning breakfast, the C. Y. F. group will not meet on Sunday evening, but will meet on Sunday evening, June 10 at the home of John Young, President, 507 Lower Huntington Road.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist Tuesday afternoon, June 5th, 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Kenneth Edwards in charge of program, Mrs. Arthur Betz, Devotions. The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 No. Anthony, for a carry-in dinner Wednesday, June 6th at 12:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Hugh Rice, Program by Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Members are asked to please remember their Love gifts. The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Floyd J. Wilkins, 2406 Belle Vista Drive Tuesday, June 5th at 1:30 P.M.

WORLD CALL—We should like to receive as many new subscriptions to World Call as possible. We have received 7 from Montgomery Circle and 2 from Higdon Circle. Group chairmen for World Call are asked to report new subscriptions to Mrs. E. G. Rose.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 3 Hugh D. Rice — Carter D. Palmer
June 10 C. E. Fuchshuber — Cecil C. Rice
June 17 Robert E. Clipp — Dr. A. C. Worley
June 24 Maxwell Smith — James Shockney

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Captain: Earl T. Fusselman, A-56922, W. H. Imbody, Ward W. Bundy, L. A. Horn, Cecil A. Kinzie, Paul E. Truby, Howard J. Howell, Arza Smith, Harley R. Meadows, Myron M. Cole, Farlin Edwards.

If you are unable to serve, please call your captain.

AMONG OUR SICK

Baby Gregory Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dow E. Wilkins, is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Kern, mother of Mr. Kenneth Kern, is a patient in Room 415, Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Lois Pifher is a patient in Room 556, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. John S. Craig underwent surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital. He is in Room 463.

Visiting hours for Mrs. C. E. Buskirk at Irene Byron Sanitarium is week day 3:30 to 4:45 P.M. Sunday afternoon 3 to 4:45 P.M. Wednesday and Sunday evenings 6 to 8 P.M.

OFFERING FOR MAY

Total to Current Offerings	\$2819.56
Total Building Offerings	2078.49
Total Church School	208.47

GRAND TOTAL

\$5106.52

GUESTS IN THE MORNING SERVICE LAST SUNDAY

Mr. E. W. Shafer, Anaheim, California. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard R. Ruble, 4424 McMillen Park Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blackman, 915 LaFort Street formerly of Minneapolis.



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IT IS A STRANGE REASONING

Our social and business life is based on a time schedule. Our whole life is bound up with definite commitments. Should all the commitments be abandoned chaos would indeed be universal. Every big business would have to "cut back" their production. All communication systems would have to rearrange their organization and retrench. The same is true of the church but it would carry one with whatever might be given. Installment buying is the key to large production and many take advantage of this for their daily existence. Many homes would be very bare without installment buying. Just take a look at what would happen if all household furnishings were suddenly repossessed. The TV would go, many phones taken out, less electric current consumed and many vacation trips abandoned. The average home would look as if the movers had taken the first load and not much was left for the second. So it is with the church. All its work is planned on the pledges of its members. All installment buying is determined by the merchant and the purchaser meets the terms of the seller, or there is no sale. The church does not set the amount you give. It offers a budget for you to help meet. Many do not tithe or pledge to that end. Many excuses are offered as an escape. In view of excuses made it is a low estimate you place on your religion. Height is determined by the foundation and stewardship is the foundation of your spiritual structure which too often is less in height than the gopher mound. Devotion is measured by sacrifice and judging from the stewardship of many, there is little devotion, and sacrifice not at all. God has pledged himself to save your soul through Jesus Christ and some will not even give a thin dime to aid Him in this planned purpose. Your singing, "I am glad salvation is free" will fall flat in the day of Judgement. Stewardship of life and substance is the open road to the blessings of God. Try It.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: "Distinctive Features of the Christian Church"

Director, Miss Helen Flieg, Miss Helen Flieg

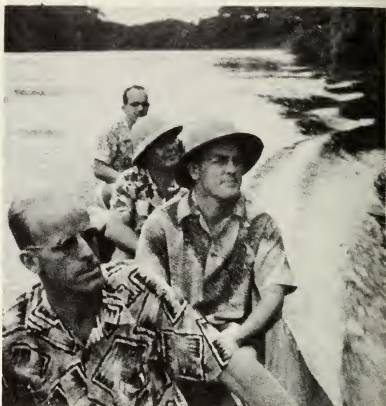
Offertory: "Turn Back, O Man" Genevan Psalter

Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "O Son of God"

A. B. Robertson

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



Missionary Joe Whitmer, left, carries daughter Julie piggy-back along a swamp path. Two Congolese friends carry sons Lem and Russ. Right, Ned Roberts, Louis Harris, Robin Cobble, and Bernard Davis make a call in a motorized canoe.

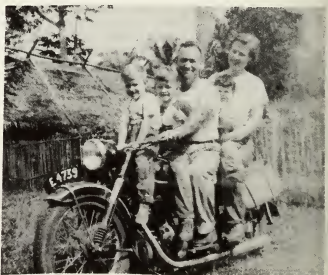
Missionaries Are Circuit Riders of Congo Rivers

An outboard motor rigged to a dugout canoe makes one of the fastest means of travel for missionaries at work in Belgian Congo, according to Mrs. Joe (Veneta) Whitmer at Lotumbe. The extent of a trip by personnel of the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission depends greatly on the kind of transportation that can be used for it.

The D.C.C.M. is the Protestant mission for an area the size of Kansas, and all nine major centers, or stations, are situated along navigable rivers. Besides boats, missionaries use bicycles, motorcycles, and trucks, but often have to ferry them to where roads or paths lead from the rivers to the interior. Overland travel remains the most difficult, and much hiking is still necessary.

Missionaries returning from furloughs, mail, and supplies arrive at most stations by commercial steamboats which "call" every two weeks. Rivers continue to be the main highways in the Congo.

The Whitmer family crowds onto their motorcycle which is used much in work.



Hazel Green Academy Bookmobile Solves Need For a Rural Library

Eight of every ten people living in rural Kentucky have no free public library of any kind available to them, according to a 1955 estimate. The bookmobile operated by Hazel Green Academy, the Disciples of Christ mission school at Hazel Green, Ky., keeps good books available to the people in its vicinity, however, and has "deserved meritorious comment" by the district library supervisor.

The Hazel Green bookmobile is eagerly awaited by teachers and pupils at schools snuggled among the mountains of eastern Kentucky. The route, travelled in a jeep, pushes out the limits which can be served by the main library at the academy.

The Rock Branch school near Hazel Green Academy depends upon the bookmobile.



Churches and stores display this poster for Vacation Church Schools.

Disciple Benevolent Group Sees Its Scope Enlarge

Benevolence becomes real when concern for other people becomes personal, declared Rev. Paul M. Bolman to about 35 staff members of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church meeting in St. Louis, Mo., in February. The staff met to consider implications of an expanding program of benevolence by Disciples of Christ. Mr. Bolman is pastor of the Hamilton Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis.

While 1,394 persons were served in 15 N.B.A. homes across the nation during 1954-55, the most recent year tabulated, the expanding benevolent program reaches beyond institutional care to all benevolent care to children and aged persons. The non-institutional aid includes helping rehabilitate broken homes.

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C.Y.F.

41 High School young people honored 8 High School graduates at a breakfast held last Sunday morning at the Airport Restaurant. A fine program was given. Mr. Hugh Rice gave the invocation. Rev. Robertson, Mrs. Morrical and Mrs. Harman had parts on the program. The closing benediction was given by Mr. Morrical.

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The C.Y.F. will meet next Sunday evening at the home of John Young, 507 Lower Huntington Road, from 6 to 8 P.M. Bring a covered dish and table service. Hamburgers will be furnished. Worship will be given by Arlene Smell. The lesson is a continuation of "Freedom is spelled: R-E-S-P-O-N-S-I-B-I-L-I-T-Y".

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, June 10, from 5 to 7 P.M. is the regular meeting of the C.M.F. The program will be a panel discussion of the topics: "Is the First Christian Church meeting its responsibility?" and, "If Jesus came to Fort Wayne, today, what would we do?" The negative panel will be composed of Max Smith, Albert Egly, Stan Cole, Grayston Cripe, Wm. Crouse, and Glenn Miller. The affirmative team, David Hogg, Jim Shockney, Walter Birkhold, Owen Vaught, Harold Crowder, and Herman Sigrist. The food committee will be Charles Fuchshuber, Fred Smell, and Olos Fox.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Keithley, 4437 Spatz, Tuesday evening, June 12 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. L. M. Culbertson is co-hostess.

The Higdon Circle will meet for a picnic dinner at 6:00 P.M. Monday, June 11th, at the home of Mrs. Gerald B. Elser, Ludwig Road.

The Esther Circle meets with Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, 3809 Brentwood Ave., on June 11th at 6:30 P.M. for a carry-in dinner. Devotions and study period will follow.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma, Monday evening, June 11 at 8 P.M. Miss Pearl Heidecker is the leader.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Class will have a picnic on Saturday, June 16th, 3:00 P.M. at Foster Park, pavilion No. 2. Bring picnic dinner for your family.

Y-CHURCH SOFTBALL

Due to weather and holidays we have only played two games so far, both of which we lost by close scores. There are 16 boys out for the team and if there are others wanting to play, call Don Miller, K-4147. Our next game will be at Memorial Park, June 14th at 8:15 P.M. Come out and see a good Ball Game, and cheer for your boys.
—Don Miller

THE SICK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mrs. Edith Darby and Mrs. E. L. Harris are both slowly improving.

Mr. John Craig has returned home after undergoing surgery.

Miss Ann Rhodes was in Lutheran hospital but has returned home.

Mrs. Mae Perry is at Lutheran, Room 515.

Mr. Gerald B. Elser is a patient at Lutheran hospital, room 179.

Mrs. John Jefferies is recovering from a broken shoulder.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

New baby born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright at Parkview last week. Mrs. Milo Miller is the proud grandmother.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Merland Heller in the recent loss of his father who died May 31st at Lynn Grove, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to sincerely congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller on their 30th wedding anniversary which they celebrated June 1st. The Chancel flowers last Sunday were their gift for their anniversary.

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The Chancel flowers next Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad in memory of father and mother.



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DEMOBILIZATION

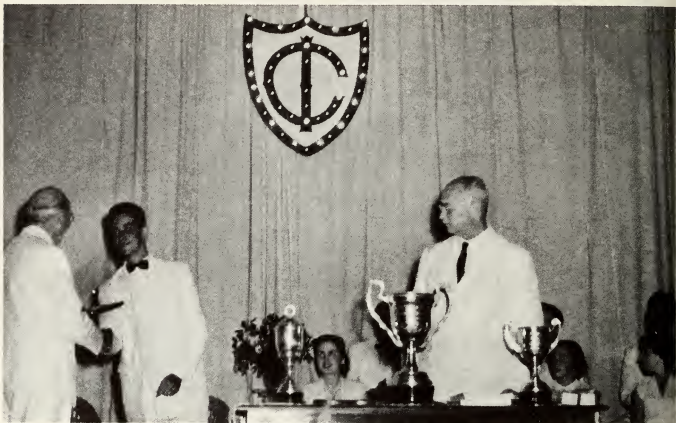
Demobilization! That is a magic word after a war. Men are ready to throw their hats into the air and tell everyone what they expect to do for the next few days. It is home and adjustment with all the ups and downs due to an absence from home. There is another DEMOBILIZATION in effect at this season of the year. High School students by the tens of thousands are being demobilized; that is, graduated. It is also a magic word and means for a time the rigors of class will be gone. Even the teacher no longer will hold over them the possibility of failing. It is a day of rejoicing and four years of real enlistment in a grand cause — education. Students may not think so at first but now that it is over different views will come to mind. With graduation from High School these young men and women will go in every direction—some into business channels, others to college and some will dare the matrimonial sea with all its hazards. The farm and shop will claim many. Others into a business with less grime but just as exacting. High School restraints may have seemed a bit nettling at times but worse is ahead. Graduation is a fine attainment and everyone is to be congratulated. But just remember you have not arrived. Simply on your way. What ever education you may have or may attain it never guarantees success. Just a better opportunity to succeed in the field chosen for future activity. Labor is a divine necessity. One may live by his wits for a while but narrow foundations limit the upward and outward reach. Congratulations are in order for present attainment but other fields lie just ahead in which to invest your heart, mind and soul. Take a bit of burden off parents if you can but start digging in for a long run in whatever you may engage. The church, the home and the school have brought you thus far. They will continue with you on a new adventure in whatever field you may enter. So, it is "All Hail" and farwell and God be with you.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist
Sermon: "A Conservative Goes Bankrupt"
A. B. Robertson, Ad Interim

Offertory: "Serenade" Gounod
Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"
Mrs. L. R. Mote

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



Colegio Ward director Robert B. Lemmon, standing at right, presides at graduation ceremonies while awards are being made to students for special achievement.

Colegio Internacional Director Named Emeritus

Mr. Robert Lemmon, a Nebraskan who turned a small five-grade

school at Asuncion, Paraguay, into the renowned Colegio Internacional, has been named director emeritus of the school. Having first gone to Argentina in 1917, Mr. Lemmon and his wife are completing 39 years as Disciples of Christ missionaries.

—News in Brief—

The fourth national training school for adults working with youth in churches is Oct. 29-Nov. 8 at McLemore Avenue Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.

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The congregation of the Asakusa Hokubu church in Tokyo dedicated a new sanctuary in December. Long awaited, it replaces a building burned during World War II.

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A National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in April.

Under the administration of Mr. Lemmon, Colegio Internacional grew to be a 14-year school enrolling over 700 students, and the Allen-Stone Building, Lyons Hall, and Allen Hall were built. The school has produced leaders in government, education, medicine, and business, and is acknowledged to be the best elementary and high school in Paraguay.

The father of a former student has commended the school for its "improvement of my children" in both education and character.

Benevolent Home Prepares To Accept Larger Family

A new four-story addition is being opened at the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged at Marion, Ind. The expanded facilities make room for accepting many applicants. The home is one of 16 operated by Disciples of Christ through the National Benevolent Association.

The addition increases the capacity of the home to approximately 80 persons, four times the number eight years ago. Some of the new rooms are being specially equipped for bed-ridden residents. Although the family will be larger and operations more complex, Mrs. Charlene Wolff, superintendent, says it "will be no less a Christian home."

Other homes operated by Christian churches are situated through-

out the nation. Seven homes are for children and nine for aged adults.

Forecaster Warned Jews of Things to Come: Bible Book of Month

The prophet Ezekiel, like religious forecasters today, largely went unheeded even in the face of undeniable facts and trends. The Old Testament Book of Ezekiel is recommended for reading during the current month.

Ezekiel, and Jeremiah, foresaw the great fall of Jerusalem and hoped for an ultimate restoration. Who was Ezekiel? Where did he live at the time he prophesied? What did he teach about a person's responsibility?

Next month: Revelation.

MCI Friend of the Boys

Boys who feel the world is against them are among the many who find a trusted friend in Jesse Ybarra of the Mexican Christian Institute staff in San Antonio, Texas. Formerly boys' work director at the Disciple center, he is seeking friendship now as a roving counselor with hard-to-reach boys and small gangs. This unusual assignment is a new development in MCI community improvement.

A native of the Spanish American community of San Antonio, Mr. Ybarra has already helped hundreds of boys. Those with whom he works now do not take part in activities at the center. Contacts are usually casual and often made through sports going on.



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MCI boys' worker Jesse Ybarra commends a boy on a knick-knack shelf he made.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Continues through next week, closing with Family Night, June 22nd with a program and exhibit at 7:30. All parents and friends are invited to come. Refreshments will be served.

C.Y.F.

The next meeting of the C.Y.F. will be a picnic at Camp Barbee on June 24th. All C.Y.F. members and parents are invited. They will take picnic food and table service, leaving immediately after Church service. All will have a chance to visit the camp. 9 young people will stay for a week's Conference. Anyone who needs transportation, or will drive, please contact Mrs. Fred Smell, E-56156.

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Dwight Flowers is a representative at Boys State, Bloomington, sponsored by the American Legion. John Lehman is also at Boys State sponsored by the Lions Club.

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The newly elected officers of the United Christian Youth Movement of Fort Wayne are John Lehman, vice-president and Miss Marty Lehman, Secretary. Congratulations, young people!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A short Executive will be held at 7:15 P.M. next Monday, June 18th. The General meeting of the Fellowship will be at 8 P.M. Worship by the Fellowship Guild. A diversified program is being planned. The Worship and Service Departments are in charge of Dedication of Love Gifts. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS by Mrs. Arthur S. Betz. "Convention Highlights" will be brought to us by Rev. A. B. Robertson and Mrs. Alma Beck. Hospitality — Esther Circle. Refreshments will be served by the Circle Chairmen.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Last Sunday was the end of Choir until next September. We have done our best to bring the best in music which we hope you enjoyed. I know you join me in sincere thanks and appreciation to Miss Helen Flaig, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mrs. Janet Weicker, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Miss Anita Fitch, Mrs. Pauline Horn, Mrs. Doris Hiler, Mrs. Dorothy Lytle, Mrs. Rychie Smell, Miss Arlene Smell, Mrs. Marjorie Boner, Mrs. Rosaleen Mote, Miss Audrey Coburn, Mrs. Muriel Wilson, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, Mrs. Hilda Brown, Mrs. Phyllis Cocherille, Bob Cocherille, Harold Crowder, David Griggs, Fred Smell, Don Miller. We will continue, in the future, to bring you the music you enjoy to further God's work. See you next Fall.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

We were thoroughly beaten in our last game 21-5 by a good team from Third Presbyterian. Our next games are June 19 at West Swinney Park at 7:45, and June 21 at Memorial Park at 8:15 P.M. Cheering helps a team play better ball. Come out and cheer, and see a good ballgame! —Don Miller

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose for their wedding anniversary.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The last meeting of the year was well attended, with those present enjoying a fine program. It was reported that James Shockney, Albert Egly and Don Smith attended the Northern Indiana Men's Retreat at Barbee Lake, June 2 and 3.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Vernon Helton was in St. Joseph's hospital for observation.

Mrs. John Hoop is a patient at Parkview, Room 413.

Mr. O. G. Schell is still a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Lois Pifher is improving slowly.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A new little son, Steven Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Saturday, June 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse are the proud grandparents. Mrs. Crouse is leaving for Texas to spend a little time with their daughter.



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HOW BIG?

Most people in our country like to think in big terms. Many of our foreign people think that all we think about is bigness. Maybe it is a fault but since when did measurements get out of date? Maybe we do brag a bit about size. Dwarfs have their place but who wants to be one. So let's forget about bigness for the moment and think in terms of measurement as concerns the church. The total resident and non-resident membership of the church is 1,890,670 in the United States and Canada. Just remember that this has all happened in the last 125 years. The total number of churches is 8,009. It is doubtful whether either of these figures is correct. In all probability the members and number of churches is really more but a lot of people are careless and some don't think it's anybody's business as to how many members there are or the number of churches where they meet. Nonsense. That is an escape for carelessness. The Bible School enrollment of these churches is 1,221,697. There is no age limit of Bible School attendance so they start early and go as long as they can. Even then they will never finish the course. Some drop out and end up in jail while others cease going so they can view the Sunday morning TV program that does not have an ounce of spirituality in it. Even some brag about listening to a church service. Someone paid for that service but they just sat in for nothing. Cheap religion don't lift very much. And the above churches had 68,975 baptisms last year. That was a gain over previous years but this might be offset by Sunday morning TV addicts so far as improving the attendance is concerned.

Money! Say that to some church folk and they get the jitters right now. Why? Because they know they are cheating the Lord. The total giving of the church last year for local expense was \$50,820,610, and for others as reported was \$9,453,867.20. For all giving including local expense and missions was \$63,885,773.55. Is this a tithe of the ability of the church? Not at all. It was one third of the tithe. Somebody is guilty of withholding. One New Testament character tried this and he dropped dead. Better watch out, for sin of withholding will catch up with you. Any Church that tithes never has money problems. Why don't you try it?

Fear Only Half of Refugees May Get to America

Government "slowness" may keep more than half of 209,000 refugees from resettling in the United States under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act.

—News in Brief—

Construction of a parsonage for the Yakima Indian Christian Mission church at White Swan, Wash., has been approved by The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Research is being completed by the National Council of Churches now for the 1957-58 home missionary study theme on Christ, the Church and Race.

Making the prediction based on a rate of 608 visas issued per week this spring is R. Norris Wilson, director of Church World Service. Disciples of Christ across the nation hope to resettle at least 500 stateless persons and are making a concerted drive through The United Christian Missionary Society.

Mr. Wilson says he sees no need to extend the Act beyond this year because "the delays . . . are for the most part in the administration of the Act which the President and the Secretary of State are empowered by the Act to correct."

Churches and voluntary service agencies, upon which success of the program is known to depend, are urging faster processing.



—Black Star Photo

At Mount Beulah Christian Center, local young men get some pointers on livestock from B. L. Jacobs, farm manager.

Mississippi Low-income Farmers Watch Mt. Beulah

The farm operated by the Mount Beulah Christian Center near Edwards, Miss., shows local farmers how to improve crop and livestock production. It is a project in rural stewardship.

Farm facilities and staff, headed by Burnett L. Jacobs, serve a rural Negro population of three counties. The annual per capita income for these people averages half national and local white incomes. Experiments, demonstrations, and counsel are among services of the farm. Mr. Jacobs and Paul D. Richardson, center director, now have the 1,200-acre farm under a state Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation program.



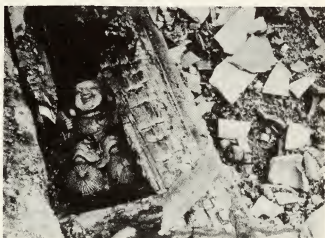
On a Japan Church World Service scholarship, a legless war veteran, left, learned to be a tailor. JCWS director Hal Shorrock, center, bottles vitamin pills, and at right, he inspects clothes given to a son of a destitute unemployed miner.

Japan Church World Service, Headed by a Disciple, Eases Tragedy

Vitamin tablets have been distributed by Japan Church World Service recently to 4,000 Christian ministers and lay leaders.

The JCWS is directed by Disciples of Christ missionary Hallam Shorrock who has helped it achieve nationwide importance. Typical of the aid it gives is the supply of 1,200,000 pounds of butter, 1,200,000 pounds of milk, two million bales of clothing, and one million vitamin tablets received for distribution last year. Food, clothes, shelter, job training scholarships, and medicine are among its regular services.

Children of destitute, unemployed miners in Fukuoka prefecture last year received food and



In rubble of a town gutted by fire last year lies Daikoku, god of prosperity. Christian aid moved villagers to tears.

clothing from Japanese Christian school children and the American church *Share Our Surplus* (SOS) program. Disciples help keep emergency supplies available through the annual Week of Compassion appeal.

JCWS is related to a worldwide network of Christian relief and rehabilitation agencies and is alert to serve.

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Offertory: "Souvenir" by Drdla
Solo: "Beside Still Waters"
Mrs. E. Schiller, Soloist

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT is this Friday in Fellowship Hall. The families and friends of the children, and all others interested are cordially invited to come. The children will exhibit their handwork and they are arranging a program. Certificates of merit will be given out. Refreshments will be served.

SERVICE OF COMMISSION

Nine C.Y.F. Young people will be commissioned next Sunday morning. They are: Fred Gudakunst, John Johnston, Robin Miller, Arlene Smell, Barbara Staley, Warren Stevenson, Marilyn Stigers, John Young and Robert Young. The Service of Commission will be conducted by Rev. Robertson following the regular church service. The group will leave immediately to spend the week of June 24 to 30, at Camp Barbee Young People's Conference. All C.Y.F. members and parents are invited to go. They should take picnic food and table service and upon arrival the group will lunch together on the Camp grounds. Those who need transportation or will drive, please contact Mrs. Fred Smell, E-56156.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class members are having a picnic at Franke Park Saturday, June 23rd at 6:30 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited. Bring picnic lunch and table service.

AMONG OUR SICK

Correction—It is Mr. John Hoop who was a patient in Parkview Hospital.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincere sympathy to Mrs. O. G. Schell and her family in the recent loss of husband and father, Mr. O. G. Schell who passed away last Saturday. Mr. Schell was a member of this church for many years, faithful and loyal to the church until ill health confined him to his home.

NEW BABIES IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

A son, Gary Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hall, Monday, June 18 at Lutheran Hospital.

A new little one was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Borntrager last week at Parkview. Congratulations to these fine families.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers next Sunday are given by Miss Ethel Shroyer and Mrs. Donald C. Smith, in memory of their father.

TAKE GOD WITH YOU

ON YOUR VACATION — "Want to get away from it all?" O but to take God on your vacation is to find meaning in all you see, opportunity for kindness. As you drive your car it will be with care. Our inheritance for the past ages speaks of men who dwelt alone and walked with God, heard His still small voice, and found salvation.

ON YOUR WAY TO CHURCH — If you are here in the city or on a visit, take God with you to Church every Sunday. Here you can unburden the cares that have accumulated — here you can take on ideas that will be as wings to your mind. Here find substance that gives strength to your best purposes — here find fulfillment to the miracle of the presence where two or three are gathered. Here in Church you find value for your life and the plan of God, with forgiveness and peace. Refresh your soul — Take God with you on your way to church Be present in Church Sunday.



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VACATION TIME

It is vacation time. And with a big bang and a boom. Mr. Slimp will be pretty much in evidence as the secretaries of the classes mark up the absentees. We will have to tolerate his presence for a time for people just must have their vacation fling. When returning home some day they will tell how many miles driven and they went so fast through all the places visited that all they can say is, "I was there". However, before you get off on that vacation time just remember to leave all your church duties provided for and also to keep the church out of the red, make your contribution in full for the time you are away. Just keep in mind that some waters are deep and that cars go both ways on all highways. Watch out for the careless driver and don't be one yourself. Make sure that you avoid the drunken fool and also the sleepy head. Both are traffic hazards with a frightful sting. There will be a church wherever you may be visiting, so don't keep your friends from going. Just go along with them. It might be well to remember that bees sting, mosquitoes bite and sun will burn wherever you may be. Even the moonlight will be soft and treacherous as ever. But with all the hazards, known and unknown, have a wonderful time and come home with a grand determination to rest up and make up for lost time. It is not really lost time. Rather things pile up while you are away but with all that the vacation is worth it and make the most of all that you have planned to do for yourself. At the same time, be mindful for others.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 9:55 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: "THE PRICE TAG"

A. B. Robertson, Minister

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.

Mrs. Wyker Is Church Woman of the Year

Mrs. James D. Wyker, a noted Disciples of Christ woman, has been named *Laywoman-of-the-Year* by the Washington Pilgrimage. The

award was given during the three-day annual pilgrimage of several hundred churchmen to the national capital in April to maintain contact between church people and government leaders.

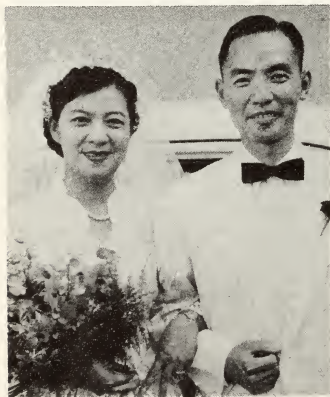
Lenoir Home Residents Carry on Social Action

Clothing collected among residents of Lenoir Memorial Home, Columbia, Mo., has been shipped to destitute Koreans. The home, affiliated with the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, is for retired ministers and missionaries.

At "The Big Parsonage," social action is a concern. Residents made it one of the first local centers to contribute funds for relief of flood victims in New England last year, and magazines are sent each month to the state penitentiary.

The Pilgrimage named evangelist Billy Graham as *Clergyman-of-the-year* and Mr. Paul T. Babson, a member of the YMCA national board and world council, as *Layman-of-the-Year*. Mr. Babson is board chairman of Standard and Poor's Corp., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Wyker is immediate past president of the nationwide United Church Women. She and her husband reside on a farm near Mt. Vernon, O. She is author of the book *Church Women in the Scheme of Things* and presided at the 1952 International Convention of Disciples in Chicago.



Mr. and Mrs. David Luo, new missionaries in Thailand, appear following their January wedding in Bangkok, Thailand.

Choose Chinese Couple

Disciples of Christ are returning to Ban Pong, Thailand, a predominantly Chinese town of 12,000 people. Rev. and Mrs. David Luo, the only Chinese missionaries with The United Christian Missionary Society, are to help lead the small group of Christian residents in expanding the sphere of Christian influence there.

The Ban Pong Christian community was established by British Disciples. During World War II, aliens were evacuated, scattering the Christians.

The assignment of Mr. and Mrs. Luo follows a world trend to use personnel from any nation who are best adapted for service needed.



Before they are through the door, at left, children at All Peoples Center nursery make a beeline for favorite swings, wagons and sandboxes. At right, one girl finds her interest outside the fence.

Spring and Summer Bring New Zest for Life at All Peoples Nursery

A pet white mouse raising her family has been an interest in the nursery of All Peoples Community Center in Los Angeles. With the coming of spring and summer, and a surging zest for life, the children, supervised by Mrs. Billie Vincent, also incubated some eggs and raised the chicks. An appreciation for life was taught through these activities.

The day nursery of this Disciples of Christ mission center not only cares for children but also helps parents of All Peoples Christian Church in the religious nurture of their children.

Youth groups of churches in the area often do projects for the nursery.

The children have recently visited the Griffith Park zoo, had a picnic, and explored a farm.

Playing house, below, does not suit the fancy of everyone always. In the background, a girl admires her painting.



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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

126 children were enrolled in our church school, with 24 teachers and helpers. Those who participated are: Teachers—Nursery, Mrs. Ernest Kattas; Beginners, Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen, Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. C. Hendrickson; Kindergarten, Mrs. R. N. Hendricks, Mrs. E. H. Pond, Mrs. G. M. Cripe, Mrs. H. E. Russell; Primary, Mrs. T. D. Eddleman, Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Mrs. Robt. Keithley, Mrs. Fred Dillman; Lower Junior, Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. H. J. Howell; Upper Junior, Mrs. Arthur C. Lyon, Mrs. H. P. Love, Mrs. Cecil Rice. Assistants, Misses Barbara Griffith, Susan Van Fossen, Susan Rousseau, Sue Pfeifer, Judy Wilburn, Marilyn Stiger, Arlene Smell. Transportation, Mr. Paul A. Strawser. Safety Patrols: Robert Miser, Rosalind Miser, Larry Horn, Jr., Mary Alice Truby, Vicki Lyon. Those who served refreshments Week-days: Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mrs. Paul E. Truby. Furnished by: Mrs. F. S. Gresham, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. C. R. Ludwig, Mrs. Robert Keithley, Mrs. F. M. Moody, Mrs. E. L. Bragg, Mrs. Maxwell Smith, Mrs. E. G. Rose, Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. Marian Duncan, Mrs. Aden Current, Mrs. A. C. Lyon, Mrs. H. W. Crowder, Mrs. Maurice Casey, Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. E. R. Hall, Mrs. V. J. Warnock. Refreshments for Family Night were served by: Mrs. John S. Craig, Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. C. R. Ludwig, Mrs. J. R. Shockney. Furnished by: Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. F. W. Rousseau, Mrs. P. E. Truby, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mrs. D. T. McCrosky, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mrs. G. R. Miller, Mrs. D. C. Smith, Mrs. D. Hogg, Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. A. Egly, Mrs. K. V. Lytle, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. John McFarland, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mrs. Arza Smith, Mrs. J. F. Smell, Mrs. W. J. Marks, Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mrs. E. A. Plummer, Mrs. Stanley Cole, Miss M. Hutchinson, Mrs. Leon Johns, Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, Mrs. B. G. Taylor, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Mrs. J. R. Shockney, Mrs. S. B. Powers, Mrs. Jeff. Young, Miss M. Hartman, Mrs. Gail Hunt, Mrs. John S. Craig. Secretary, Mrs. Glenn A. Butler. A. B. Robertson, Minister. We take this method of thanking all these folk and any others, who have had a part in the success of our School. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

We also wish to thank Dwight and Allan Flowers, Bill Kreps, and Margaret Ann Love, who distributed our flyers. Mrs. Owen Vaught, Director, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Co-director.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the C.Y.F. will be at the home of Merle Rice, 5827 Fernwood Drive July 8th from 6 to 8:30 P.M. Arlene Smell will bring devotions, and the C.Y.F. will report on their program while at Barbee Christian Camp.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 1 David Hogg — Hugh D. Rice
July 8 Chas. E. Fuchshuber — Grayston M. Cripe
July 15 Owen Vaught — Bret R. Young
July 22 James R. Shockney — David Griggs
July 29 John S. Craig — Carter D. Palmer

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Captain—Harold K. Pritchard, A-36712. William R. Love, Jack E. Weicker, Herbert C. Banet, Rolland R. Ripple, Charles W. Staley, Everett W. Evans, Leon H. Johns, Robert Rayl, Meldren S. Kreps.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Fred Reithmiller is a patient at Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Ross E. Cross, is in room 406 Parkview Hospital.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The health of an institution is based upon the sympathetic information of its constituents. The Christian Church is out over the United States and Canada and many foreign countries. Its present membership is 1,905,835 in the United States and Canada with 8,046 churches. In 1955 the offerings to National Boards, miscellaneous Missionary giving and emergency relief was \$20,220,974.06. Aside from the National Missionary Organizations, most every state has its State Missionary Society. There are several other Missionary Enterprises supported by these churches and many Colleges. Now these institutions must report to their constituents and it would certainly be impractical for the National Organizations each to have a National Convention. So there is now in existence the International Convention made up of the membership of all the churches. They have a Board of Directors, General Secretary, and make possible for all the various and sundry organizations supported by the churches to meet in a general Convention where all submit a report of the work done and approval of the same. This makes for the health of the organized work of the church and an understanding of what is being done with the funds given. When people give, they want to know to what purpose it is put and how spent. Through the General Convention of the Church all this information is given in published form. This information is both an inspiration and a challenge.

This year The International Convention will meet September 29th to October 3rd in Des Moines, Iowa. They are expecting ten thousand people to attend the International Convention and it is hoped that several from First Church will attend. You will never know the heart of the church or the bigness of its work until you attend one of these General Conventions. It is not an impossible task for several to attend. The local church will profit by the experience of such as may attend. Without a vision a church will perish and the best place to get a vision of the great church to which you belong is to be in one of these conventions. It is not impossible if you will start planning now.

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Organ Prelude 9:55 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Sermon: "A Good Church Gone Wrong"

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY
CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:00 A.M.

Ask \$11 Million for Disciple Ministries

Missions, religious education, and benevolence are among the minis-

National College Honor Roll Selects Four T.S.C.C. Students

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges names four Tougaloo Southern Christian College students in its honor roll for the past school year. Students at the Mississippi mission school honored are Kay Frances Cooper of Jackson, Miss.; Cornelius B. Law-
yer, Vicksburg, Miss.; Alvan Jagbandhansingh, Trinidad, British West Indies; and Vivian L. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.

To be recognized for *Who's Who*, students must excel in studies and contribute significantly to other campus activities.

tries of Disciples of Christ expected to benefit from 11 million dollars needed during the new 1956-57 fiscal year which began July 1. The causes form a brotherhood-wide Christian ministry in addition to local church needs and are those that are best done by churches ministering together.

The amount is the combined total approved for 84 Disciple agencies by the Commission on Brotherhood Finance and the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships. The exact amount approved is \$11,240,710.40. Approximately one-third is to do special projects and help build new churches and educational facilities.

The budget is for Disciples in the United States and Canada, and will largely be administered by Unified Promotion, a brotherhood united funds agency.



The Puerto Rico flag displayed in the Missions Building conference room in Indianapolis brings rejoicing to four Puerto Rican Disciples at a March meeting.

Plan Puerto Rico Progress

A delegation of four men from Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico conferred in Indianapolis in March with leaders of The United Christian Missionary Society regarding Christian developments on that island commonwealth. The conference was based on a survey made recently of the status and opportunities there.

Representing Puerto Rican Disciples were Florentino Santana of Bayamon; Joaquin Vargas, Rio Piedras; Carmelo Alvarez Perez, Candelaria; and Isidro Diaz Lopez, San Juan.

A strategy for work is now being outlined.



The S.S. *Pioneer Dale* unloads supplies from America at Yokohama, Japan, for distribution by Japan Church World Service. Ships take Christian aid wherever needed.

Christianity Plies the High Seas This Summer

A Christian ministry is taking place in the middle of the ocean. Preachers going to and from Europe on ships are leading worship for the passengers. This summer initiates a chaplaincy plan worked out between steamship lines and the National Council of Churches. Ministers planning voyages contact the National Council which arranges for them to be voyage chaplains.

With religion taking to the high seas, the U.S. Navy chaplaincy included 18 Disciples of Christ ministers as of December. In addition, specially trained seamen direct religious activities on ships not assigned chaplains.

Sea-going cowboys have a unique ministry. They are Christian men



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Sonarman 3/c Irving Rovang of the U.S.S. *McNair* speaks in the First Evangelical Church, Athens, Greece. At left is Chaplain Oliver Wiese of the U.S.S. *Coral Sea* and, right, Pastor Kyriaskias.

who tend livestock being shipped by Heifer Project, Inc., a church agency, to rehabilitate farmers in need overseas.

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A total of 37 attended the CYF. picnic at Camp Barbee Sunday, June 24. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnston and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stevenson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Robin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Smell, Arlene Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Staley, Barbara Staley, Allan Flowers, Dwight Flowers, Fred Gudakunst, Marty Lehman, John Lehman, David St. John, and Marilyn Stigers. All who went enjoyed the day at Lake Barbee, seeing the Camp and touring the grounds.

The CYF young people will meet with Merle Rice, 5827 Fernwood Drive, this Sunday, July 8th from 6 to 8:30 P.M. Devotions by Arlene Smell. Reports on week at Camp will be given by Conferees. Hamburgers will be served.

HONOR ROLL

(Members whose current pledge are paid up thru June 30)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ashe, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mrs. Grace Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Betz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogan, Karen Branstrator, Wm. D. Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. Hilda Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Ellen Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glendenen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Ellen Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crowder, Mary Crowder, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Edwards, Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Thomas Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Fuchshuber, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gresham, Larry Gresham, David A. Griggs, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Miss Mildred Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Heckler, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy, Mr. and Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. John Hoop, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Kean, Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mrs. John C. Koegel, Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, Mrs. Mae Sheline. (Continued next week).

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Our finances for June, and the first half of this year, have kept up remarkably well. Remember during July and August we must meet our local operating expenses. Also our obligation to the Bank from building funds **must be met each month**. Let us keep our pledges up-to-date during July and August. Your co-operation has been splendid. Your Church appreciates it.

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THANK YOU, CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP!

At a recent meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship the members voted to pay \$1,575.00 to Trustees to be used as partial payment on new parsonage when it is purchased. Others may wish to make a gift to this fund.

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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

(Condensed from that written by William Tyler Page)

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AGAIN

Yes, again and again, something will be said about tithing. It is the law of supply and demand. This law is taught in the name of tithing and its amazing result is described in the following passage: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Norman Vincent Peale gives a personal illustration, "Tithing has been thought of as giving 10% to the Lord's work. It is more than that and here is an illustration: Years ago I knew a young man whose marriage was failing. He was failing in his employment, and in himself, too. When he came for consultation he was filled with depressing negatives. He talked negatively and dully about his problems. Then it occurred to me that the law of supply could solve everything for him, so I asked him, 'How much do you make a week?'

"Forty dollars and I can't support my wife and child on that". I said, "I think we can correct that situation". "How", he asked incredulously.

I told him about the law of supply and of receiving through giving and explained that the practice of tithing means the giving of 10% of one's income. "TEN PERCENT," he exclaimed. "That means I would give \$4.00 a week."

"It will be far and away the best investment you will ever make and as you give it unselfishly, it will stimulate the law of supply by releasing your creative capacity. So every week give \$4.00 to the church and something else besides; not only give God ten per cent but actually give Him 100%.

"What", he almost shouted. "By that I mean, give yourself, your love and service 100% to God." Finally I got his promise to practice tithing and live in harmony with the law of supply. Today his tithe is ten times greater because his income has increased ten times. He is one of the most effective and inspirational personalities in his community. His home life is wonderful and he is in the highest sense a successful person. He gave his money and he gave himself — and he had a rich return."

After all, everything we have is God's and if we use it and invest it as a competent steward in harmony with His laws results will be creative.

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	Miss Anita Fitch, Soloist
Sermon: "How Big Are You"	A. B. Robertson, Minister

Disciples Need 150 New Churches Each Year

"Disciples of Christ now have one church in the United States for each 20,000 population," according

Arrange Travel for Children to Church

A bus now takes the family of Southern Christian Home, Atlanta, Ga., to and from First Christian Church there each Sunday. The home, one of 16 homes affiliated with the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, is for homeless children. The transportation to church has been arranged as a gift of the congregation. The bus provides an orderly and dependable way to get the children to church.

Children of the home are frequently making professions of faith and being baptized.

to William T. Percy, executive secretary of the Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ. "From responsible sources," he said at the annual meeting of the Board in February, "the estimated increase in population for the next 10 years will be 30,000,000. If we only maintain our position through this period, 15,000 more churches must be established, or 150 per year. Disciples are now establishing about 50 congregations annually."

The Board of Church Extension provides Christian churches (Disciples) with counseling, architectural, and financial aid for remodeling or new construction. During 1955, the Board made 143 loans involving some three million dollars. There were 164 field consultations on architecture.

Grading gets under way before the foundation can be laid for the Yakima Indian Christian Church parsonage near White Swan, Wash., this spring.





On the beach of the China Sea, a class of parents meets during a Disciple family life conference at Currimao in northwest Luzon in the Philippines. The annual conference is attended by Christian parents throughout the area.

American Youth Help Build Christian Church In Glasgow, Scotland

A work camp project for Christian youth is to have begun in Glasgow, Scotland, on July 6. Expectations were for 14 youth from America to join an equal number of British youth in helping build the new sanctuary for the East Kilbride Church of Christ (Disciples). The project is scheduled to end August 3.

Ministering to the East Kilbride congregation are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wick, one of three American Disciple couples to accept pastorates in England and Scotland last year. Mr. and Mrs. Wick formerly served at Evansville, Ind.

Directing the East Kilbride work camp are Mr. and Mrs. James A.

Lollis of Danville, Ky., who directed a project for Disciples of Christ in Jamaica, British West Indies, in 1954.

Disciple Minister Goes To La Paz, Bolivia

The Union Church at La Paz, Bolivia, is the new pastorate of S. Allan Watson, a minister of the Disciples of Christ. The church serves the growing English-speaking colony in the Bolivian capital city. Before going to La Paz this spring, Mr. Watson was executive director of the Elgin, Ill., Council of Churches.

Mr. Watson is married and has two daughters, ages 8 and 3. Pastor of the Union Church in neighboring Lima, Peru, is Herbert T. Chase, also a Disciple.

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Classes for all age groups.

CHI RHO

Six Chi Rho young people left for Barbee Christian Camp, July 9th. They will return on the 14th. They are: Judy Merrill, Beatrice Rice, Judith Rice, Susan Rousseau, Dickie Skelton, and Michael Young. They were commissioned at the Church Service last Sunday by Rev. Robertson.

C.Y.F.

THANK YOU . . . The nine CYF members who attended Conference at Lake Barbee Christian Camp wish to extend their sincere thanks to the church for its help in sending them. They report a very interesting and enjoyable week. It is felt much good will be reflected in their future church activities.

YOUTH ROOM TO BE DECORATED

The CYF will meet at the church Saturday, July 14 at 9:00 A.M. to redecorate the Youth Room. Those who plan to paint bring brushes, bucket, and other supplies. Others who plan to work on draperies bring sewing equipment. All should bring a covered dish and table service for the noon meal.

A total of 26 met July 8 for a picnic at the Hugh Rices. Devotions were given by Arlene Smell and Marty Lehman. Interesting reports on their work at Camp were given by Fred Gudakunst, John Johnston, Arlene Smell, Warren Stevenson, Marilyn Stigers and Robert Young. Robin Miller, Barbara Staley and John Young were out of town so could not report. Outdoor games and the Friendship Circle concluded the meeting.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bishop, 5406 Winchester Rd., are proud parents of a new baby born last week at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Meadows new baby was born July 10 at Lutheran Hospital. Their address is 1930 Oxford.

Michael Stephen was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson on June 28th. Their new address is: 1402 No. Magnolia Blvd., Tucson, Arizona.

Sincere congratulations to all these fine young families.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Floyd Morrical has been ill at home for several days. Word comes that he is much better. Mr. Howard J. Howell is a patient in room 428 at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Grace Bell underwent surgery Tuesday of this week at Lutheran Hospital, room 268. Mrs. Edith Darby is slowly improving at Lutheran hospital. Mrs. J. R. Coar is still quite ill at her home. Mrs. Lois Pifer is slowly improving.

IN SYMPATHY

Many in First Christian were greatly shocked and grieved at the tragic death of Mrs. Wilbur Whinery last week. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Harry Johnson and family in the recent loss of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Nellie France. Mrs. France was a member of this church.

We also wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Thomas F. Owen in the recent loss of his dear wife, Mrs. Irene Owen.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Banet, Mrs. Clover Branstator, Mrs. Irene Cline, Albert Egly, Mrs. Melvin Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kattas, B. W. Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Lyon, Vicki Lyon, Richard Lyon, Jay J. McCarel, Janet McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland, Peggy McFarland, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Marks, Mrs. Mary C. Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Merriman. (To be continued)

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AROUND THE CORNER

What corner? The first one you come to. Not the one a mile down the street. In time you may reach this latter one but for the moment take the first corner, for around that corner is a non-resident member. Might be one in your block for the fact is they are everywhere and all over town. Last year over 200,000 non-resident members were reported. Statistics show that in every community there are almost as many non-resident members as are identified with the local church. What a field for intensive cultivation! The non-resident member is a great loss to the church in general and every local church has a definite mission to cultivate these church members. They are the lost sheep of the household of faith.

May be that you are so poorly informed as to the meaning of non-resident, an explanation is necessary. The non-resident member is one who has moved most everything else in the way of possessions from a former to a present residence without moving his membership in the church. He gives a lot of excuses for such negligence none of which are valid. Sometime such is used as an escape from a known duty and oftentimes pure carelessness. Whatever the cause, the non-resident member is around most every corner and in the middle of the block. They are not difficult to locate being strangers in your section of the community. Sure, they should look up the church just the same as they do a trading center but the fact is they don't. Old ties are broken and new ones must be made. It is up to the local church to tie these new people into the fellowship of the church. Now don't call other people about it or tell the minister about new folk. That is too easy for a good Christian. Go visit these new people, invite them to church and maybe sit with them. After this tell the minister and others about your new found friends and fellow church members. They will be so interested, and they will take time out to call.

Before long the new people have a warm fellowship like they had "back home". Non-resident members are in danger of becoming a liability when they should be a source of help in the local church.

Remember that every time a moving van backs up to a house it means, generally, a non-resident member of some church. Make it your business to find out for conservation in the Kingdom of God is important. You, as a member of First Church, are a part of the conservation force. Work at it.



Many children, like these in Buenos Aires, Argentina, first learn of God and Christ in a Christian kindergarten. Christian leaders grow from such Argentine youth.

New Book Tells Disciples' Venture in Argentina

Coinciding with 1956 as the fiftieth year of Disciples of Christ in Argentina, a book, *Disciples of*

William H. Maxon Joins Farm Team in Greece

Mr. William H. Maxon has begun two years in agricultural development projects in Greece sponsored by the World Council of Churches. A native of Kingfisher, Okla., Mr. Maxon is a graduate in agriculture and animal husbandry from Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater. He succeeds another Disciple, Parker Rowe of Sikeston, Mo., who completed a similar two-year assignment on the international Christian service team.

Christ in Argentina, recounting this historic religious venture has been published by Bethany Press, St. Louis, and is gaining brotherhood-wide popularity. Author of the volume is J. Dexter Montgomery, a Disciple educator and missionary in Latin America for a quarter of a century and now United Christian Missionary Society director of religious education for adults.

Disciples opened the Argentina Mission in 1906 in the capital city of Buenos Aires. Since then four stable and growing congregations have emerged in Buenos Aires and other promising churches are in the northern Chaco Territory. There are about 4,000 Disciples in Argentina now.

Strange Writings Fill Bible Book-of-the-Month

Strange religious symbols and figures fill the New Testament Book of Revelation which is recommended for reading during the current month. Weird as the book may seem to some modern readers, it conveyed important information to early Christians.

As a guide to some understanding of this unusual religious writing, the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature poses the questions: What crisis facing Christianity prompted this book to be written? And what is the essential message of the Book of Revelation?

New Nurse and Clinic Reactivate Medical Service at Hazel Green

Medical care for students at Hazel Green Academy and the Hazel Green, Ky., community has been improved by the hiring of Mrs. Paul E. Hartenberger, a registered nurse, to take charge of a new clinic being built at the Disciples of Christ home mission school. The medical program continues service carried on until a few years ago by the late Dr. H. I. Blood.

Mrs. Hartenberger is the wife of the new minister at the Hazel Green Christian Church and is a graduate of the Axtell Christian Hospital School of Nursing, Newton, Kan., the only hospital and nursing school operated by Disciples of Christ in the United States.

The Hazel Green clinic which Mrs. Hartenberger is supervising is located adjacent to the school campus and near the Christian Church.



Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl, right, accepts the Washington Federation of Churches' annual layman award from Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Justice of the Federation.

—RNS Photos

German Bishop Hanns Lilje, center, attends a luncheon in his honor with House of Representatives Chaplain Braskamp and Rep. Katherine St. George. Sen. Edward Thyne was host.



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C. Y. F.

The next meeting of the C.Y.F. will be July 29 at McMillan Park. The group will swim at the pool before a picnic supper at 6:00 P.M.

The C.Y.F. members are very proud of their newly decorated room. They met last Saturday and painted, cleaned and made drapes. The project was financed by money earned in their paper drive, and from evening offerings. They have also given \$33.00 this year to the Christian World Friendship Fund. Those who helped Saturday were: Larry Carson, Allan and Dwight Flowers, Fred Gudakunst, Nancy Hill, John Johnston, Peggy McFarland, Merle Rice, Arlene Smell, Sharon Smith, Barbara Staley, Warren Stevenson, Daryl and Marilyn Stigers, Bob Young, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smell, and Mr. Jefferson Young. Rev. Robertson ate dinner with them at noon.

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The six Chi Rho young people who enjoyed last week at Barbee Christian Camp wish to thank the church for its help in sending them. They were: Judy Merrill, Beatrice Rice, Judy Rice, Susan Rousseau, Dick Skelton and Michael Young. Patty Jackson is spending this week at the Camp.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mrs. Lona Miller, Mrs. Milo F. Miller, Robin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moffit, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Mr. and Mrs. Landis R. Mote, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Sherman G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Palmer, Mrs. Lois Pifher, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Beatrice Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Judith Rice, Merle Rice, Mrs. Ethel Richhart, Miss Sharon Richhart, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Erin Rose, Wendell Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mrs. O. G. Schell, Mrs. Laura Sherer, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shockney, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Siples, Arlene Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Smith, Barbara Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Stevenson, Marilyn Stigers, Mrs. Leo Symonds. (to be cont.)

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig are the donors of the Chancel flowers for this Sunday. They are in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kern in the loss of Mr. Kern's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Kern are now living at Wabash, Ind. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. R. Blaine Jones in the recent death of her sister, Mrs. Parnin Balbaugh. Mrs. Balbaugh was also the mother of Mrs. Marvin Crouse. May these families be comforted in their sorrow.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Anna Schenck is ill at her home at Columbus, Indiana. She is the mother of Mrs. Fred Smell.

Little Mary Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, is a patient at Park-view Hospital Room 427.

A GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Next Sunday will be the initial day for the new Communion Service which is presented to the church by the Drapery Committee. These new Communion sets were purchased with unused funds from the drapery project. They are made of rare Myrtlewood and match our fine collection plates.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: MORNING WORSHIP 10 A.M. — CHURCH SCHOOL 9 A.M.



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THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TIDINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

A GOOD THING TO KNOW

It is always a good thing to know that you have a friend when in need. Such friendship is to be used but not abused. All of our churches have a friend when in need. It is the CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY of Indianapolis, Indiana. It was organized in 1884 with offices in Kansas City, Mo., with assets of \$5,000. The Gross Assets of December 31, 1954 were \$8,007,090.51. This growth is due to gifts, interest on loans, annuities, and offerings from various sources. Through the years it has been the business of Church Extension to assist churches in all phases of their work such a direct interest bearing loans, grant in aid, architect's service, plans for financing a Building fund, counselling in all phases of the building enterprise or where problems have come about in a church relative to indebtedness. The Society operates in United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and South Africa. Since its organization, it has made almost 5,000 interest bearing loans and many interest free loans. This is where a church is in extreme need. Through the years Church Extension has helped create greater churches and oftentimes assisted a church when its property was in danger of being lost. Literally, Church Extension has helped the needy, reached out a saving hand to the helpless and assisted in building new churches. Hundreds of churches can bear testimony as to this helpfulness and they seldom ever forget their benefactor.

Since the beginning of this fund it has loaned \$28,022,681.71. Just as soon as one church starts paying its loan off, that money goes right back into another church. If you have been supporting this organization you can walk into almost three thousand churches in the United States and feel that you have had a part in them through Church Extension. Their percentage of loss would be the envy of any financial institution. They are not in business to make money but to preserve gifts, trust funds, etc., so that church after church may have the benefit of these funds decade after decade. More power to such a ministry, and it is good to know that the church has such a friend and also to know that funds trusted to them are being used in a good cause—building and preserving church property.

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY
CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:00 A.M.

American Protestantism Holds Welfare Conference

American Protestantism has gotten its first good look at what the churches are doing for social wel-

fare. Meeting for the first National Conference of the Churches and Social Welfare were 1,500 delegates representing councils of churches, 31 denominations, and councils of church women. More than 80 Disciples of Christ took part in the conference, held in Cleveland in November.

—News in Brief—

Dr. Emil Brunner, a noted theologian, has returned to Switzerland after two years on the faculty of Japan International Christian University.

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A flying tour to Caribbean island missions will take place this summer for church youth. It is sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Rural Life Sunday is May 6.

Delegates pinpointed their study of the nation's welfare pictures in 120 separate meetings on 20 subjects ranging from "child welfare" to "the role of the churches as a social conscience."

The conference was called by the National Council of Churches and agencies of the churches of Disciples of Christ were well represented.

A medical-evangelistic team visits Thailand villages. L. to r.: Dr. Wu, Dr. Chekling, Kru Bamrung, Kru Thanong and missionary George Cherryhomes.



Crowd Mission Clinic

The first three days of 1956 the medical clinic of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission received 94 patients. The clinic, staffed by Dr. Douglas Corpron, of the city of Yakima, and Mrs. Malcolm Norment, wife of the mission director, is a service of Disciples of Christ to residents of the Yakima Indian reservation in south-central Washington state.

Dr. Corpron serves the clinic for half a day on Saturdays. At other times, Mrs. Norment consults the doctor by telephone, and cares for the ill and injured.



Mrs. Norment stands by to assist Dr. Corpron with a health checkup at Yakima Indian Christian Mission.

Church Problems Are the Subject of Bible Book To Read This Month

The church at Corinth received a letter from the Apostle Paul which is the Bible book suggested for reading this month. First Corinthians is "some of the richest writing in the New Testament," says the Commission for the Promotion of Christian Literature.

The Corinthian church had problems Paul discusses in his letter, and the Commission gives questions to help direct reading:

What problems in the Corinthian church did Paul discuss in this letter?

What did Paul say about love?

What did he say about the resurrection?

What stewardship teaching can you find in this letter?

The practice of reading a book at one sitting helps make Bible read-

ing more effective, advises the Commission.

The Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature was established by Disciples of Christ to aid Christian growth through reading.

Polish-American children record a religious program for Radio Free Europe.

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 9:55 A.M.

Sermon:

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Mrs. Robert Scitt, Organist

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

Miss Arlene Smell, Soloist

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:00 A.M.

C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. will meet this Sunday evening, July 29 at McMillan Park. The group will swim at the pool before a picnic supper at 6:00 P.M. Members are asked to bring food and table service.

C.Y.F. TO ENJOY LAKE OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Crowell, Ed and Lee, have invited the C.Y.F. to their cottage on Sylvan Lake, Sunday, August 12. The group will leave for the lake immediately following the Morning Worship that Sunday. Members going should take food, table service, bathing suits, towels, etc. All High School young people are invited.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Aug. 5—Robert Clipp—Cecil Rice

Aug. 12—Dr. A. C. Worley—B. W. Leversee

Aug. 19—Hugh D. Rice—Chas. E. Fuchshuber

Aug. 26—Grayston M. Cripe—David Hogg

Sept. 2—Bret R. Young—James R. Shockney

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Captain—Wm. Caldwell, H-4920; Robert N. Hendricks, Merland G. Heller, Jerry L. Brubaker, Thos. D. Eddleman, Dale C. Hiler, Jay J. McCarel, Arthur C. Lyon, John F. Hechler, Phillip E. Uhl, Donald C. Smith, Romane H. Cole, Merle F. Morkoetter. If unable to serve please call your captain.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Tharp, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. David Vesey, Mrs. Flora Virts, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Whitton, Mrs. Ollie Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Williamson, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilkins, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Yentes, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. Dalmes Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jefferson Young.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. John Hoop is still confined to his home by illness.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Howard Rohr and family in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Grace Bell, who passed away last Tuesday morning. Mrs. Bell has been a faithful member of the church for several years.

EMPTY SEATS

Every Sunday there are empty places in the church. There are empty chairs in the Sunday School classes, and vacancies in the church pews. We know it is summer. We know that there are many on vacation, and that the warm weather brings a lure. Some hear the call of the golf course, a picnic in the country, or a near-by lake. This all adds to the natural decline in attendance. Yet, the church life goes on, and those who miss, miss something good for themselves. Whenever possible, be in your places on Sunday.

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"IT IS ALL OVER"

You often hear this expression. "It is the end." The event is closed but memory will carry on. But what's over? Vacation of course. There will be a few stragglers but for most, "vacation is over". You will have lots to talk about, such as, sunburns, sprained ankles, bug bites, torn clothing, lost bags, and the many parties, moonlit and otherwise. Some will say, "I enjoyed your cards". Others will say, "We had a wonderful time in spite of mishaps and minor discomforts." Grandparents, uncles and aunts, will also be glad it is over, though fun while it lasted. Green apples took their toll and too much watermelon was just another episode. Even the back seat driver is quiet and certain drivers are recuperating. Now it is back to work; also the grand hassel just before the opening of school. Dad is wondering about the expense, mother is making an appraisal of old and new school clothes, some to alter, others made over, while some will be just plain hand-me-downs from an older member of the family. Children will talk about the new courses—easy or hard; and teachers ears should burn judging from the chatter of many young school children. BUT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS adjusting to family routine, PLEASE REMEMBER the Church and Church School come in for a part of this re-adjustment. Vacation is over in this realm of your activity. Just settle down here as in other things. There is activity aplenty to claim attention. HOW FORTUNATE FIRST CHURCH FOLK! There is grand equipment for all Church school purposes and a House of Worship that contributes much to the fellowship of kindred spirits. The Choir will be back, Officers and Teachers on hand to lead School and Church in all its Christian activity. Yes Sir! It is over. But it is also the beginning. You have to get on First Base before you can hope to cross Home Plate. Come one, come all. We are on the march. Get in step, please.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist
Sermon:
A. B. Robertson, Minister.

Special Music
Miss Helen Flaig,
Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



The new chapel at Sei Gakuin in Tokyo, Japan, is shown at right in the drawing above of the buildings of the school. The white building in the center is the main classroom hall. In the foreground is the athletic field.

Sei Gakuin Dedicates New School Chapel

A new chapel has been dedicated at Sei Gakuin, Disciples of Christ junior and senior high school for boys in Tokyo, Japan. The new

and modern building replaces the old chapel and junior high school which was demolished by fire in March, 1954.

An interior view of the new chapel.



The new chapel will seat the entire student body of 1,000 at one time, and the ceiling and walls are designed to improve sounds from the stage but to decrease disturbances. In addition to religious programs, the new building will be used for other school assemblies and public programs.

Since loss of the old chapel, the students had stood in the school gymnasium for their daily devotions.

To replace classrooms lost in the fire, an extension has been added to the main school building.

—News in Brief—

Several hundred CARE packages have been distributed by Disciples of Christ missionaries in Paraguay to needy people at Asuncion, Colonel Oviedo and St. Isabel Leper colony.

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The New York City police department has begun a course in moral and spiritual values for new recruits. It is taught by the Police Academy's six chaplains.

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Disciples of Christ have started a new church and social service at Orlando, Union of South Africa, for its Bantu residents.

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Summer service projects for Disciples of Christ young people are being arranged by The United Christian Missionary Society's social welfare department.

**Ford Foundation Grants
\$2½ Million to Disciples
Colleges and Universities**

Twelve Disciples colleges and universities benefit from the record \$500,000,000 being given by the Ford Foundation to private universities, colleges and hospitals in the United States. The foundation requires that the money to schools be used to raise the salaries of arts and science faculties. The Disciples schools are receiving a total of at least \$2,544,400.

The Disciples institutions include Bethany College, Butler University, Culver-Stockton College, Drake University, Hiram College, Jarvis Christian College, Lynchburg College, Phillips University, Texas Christian University, Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Transylvania College, and Atlantic Christian College which only recently received accreditation.

The money is being put into endowments from which annual dividends can be used to raise the salaries of teachers.

The half-billion-dollar philanthropy is the largest single gift of money ever made. The Ford Foundation is a philanthropic fund established from profits from the Ford Motor Company.

A daily half-hour religious music program of disc jockey Carl Blumay has gained statewide response. It is aired by station KGER, Los Angeles.

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C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. will meet Sunday, September 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, from 4 to 8 P.M. for a picnic. Each one bring a covered dish and table service. Those who have Badminton, croquet, horse shoes or other outdoor games, please bring them with you. Those needing transportation meet at the church at 3:45 P.M. There will be election and installation of officers.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

After a good rest the Choir will be in their places next Sunday morning. We wish to say "Thanks, you were wonderful" to all who brought special music this Summer. Bouquets to our own Mrs. Scott, our adopted Mrs. Fife, and to our soloists, Mrs. L. R. Mote, Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Mrs. Oliver Boldt, Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocherille, Miss Arlene Smell, Mrs. Melvin Evans, and Mrs. L. A. Horn. The Choir extends an open invitation to all who enjoy to sing to come and become a part of a great fellowship. Miss Helen Flaig will lead us again this year. Rehearsals will be 7:30 **prompt** starting Thursday, September 6th. SEE YOU THERE!

—Don Miller, President

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 9 Maxwell Smith — John Craig;
September 16 David Griggs — Owen Vaught;
September 23 Carter D. Palmer — Robert Clipp;
September 30 Cecil Rice — Dr. A. C. Worley

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Captain—Earl T. Fusselman, A-56922; W. H. Imbody, W. W. Bundy, L. A. Horn, C. A. Kinzie, Paul E. Truby, Howard J. Howell, Arza Smith, H. R. Meadows, Myron Cole, Farlin Edwards. (If unable to serve please call your chairman).

MEN'S RETREAT — BARBEE LAKE

The Men's Retreat will be at Camp Barbee, Barbee Lake, beginning the evening of September 8 through Sunday Noon, September 10. Mr. Royalty, from Irvin, Ky., a Dollar-a-year man in Men's Work and Don Odle, basketball coach of the team that toured South America, on a "Venture for Victory", are the featured speakers at the Retreat. Good eats! A good place to sleep. Bring your own bedding. Total cost \$7.50.

SOME WHO HAVE BEEN ILL

Lutheran Hospital: Mrs. Ned Klotz, Room 316; Mrs. Bret Young, Mrs. Verlin Warnock; Mrs. Ray Woodhull; Mrs. Mary Wilhelm. St. Joseph's Hospital: Miss Minnie Conn, Mrs. Edwin Shidler. Parkview Hospital: Mr. E. L. Harris, Little Miss Cynthia Yentes, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith have a new baby daughter.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, parents, and Mr. George King and son Norman, husband and son of Mrs. Fern King, who died August 23, after a long illness. May they be comforted in their sorrow.

Also, we express deepest sympathy to Mrs. Harold Crowder and family in the recent loss of her father.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, 508 Lavina St. **Monday, September 10th** at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Gerald Elser is in charge of program, Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, 4002 Hoagland Ave. **Tuesday, September 11th** at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Kenneth L. Edwards, Devotions, Mrs. Fred Wilson.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming, **Monday evening, September 10.** Leader Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Devotions, Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman.

McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Ct. **Tuesday, September 11,** at 1:30.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St., **Tuesday, September 11** at 1:30 P.M.



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COLLARS

There are many kinds of collars—decorative, protective, serviceable, etc. There is one collar in particular that is most necessary, the work collar. It is the kind that fits the shoulders of a horse to enable him to pull a load with ease. It is no good if he pulls it up over his ears or twists and jerks or lunges. That means a sore neck which is a painful thing and hinders the work to be done. It is about the same for people. We have various work collars and when they fit snugly to the shoulder there is good to be accomplished. But get that collar up over the ears or twisted and trouble is certain. So if you are going to pull a real load in the work of the church, get that collar fitted snugly to the shoulder. It will not work, if up over the ears. If such happens, the team work is impossible and as a consequence nothing is done. Even worse, it is disorganizing. One balky person can hinder a dozen others in their task, co-operation goes out the window and the business in hand will look like a cyclone has struck. So the sensible thing is to wear the collar in the proper manner and pull your part of the load. If you can't do this, just get out of the way and let some one else do what you fail to do.

There are plenty of work collars around the church for some one to pick up and use. They are not an insignia of office but an article for use. It may be in the Church School, the Official Board or the Christian Women's Fellowship, or Christian Men's Fellowship. The point is, get the collar, put it on and get set for a real pull. To move forward it is all together. Please remember that collars are not made for ears.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon:

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory Solo: Selected

Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Anthem: "Eternal Life" Dungan

Miss Helen Flaig, Director



—Black Star Photo

A view of modern downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Disciples have a large and growing mission work. The Latin American tour will be there in April, 1956.

Church Tour Heads for South America in April

Off to Argentina will be church men and women on the next tour of

Disciples of Christ missions scheduled for April, 1956. The group, limited to 30 persons, will take part in activities in Buenos Aires celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of Disciples of Christ in Argentina.

Members of the tour meet in Miami, Fla., on April 5 and fly to Puerto Rico the next day. After several days seeing missionary work on this sub-tropical Caribbean island, they fly down to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and then on to Argentina and Paraguay to get first impressions of missionary work there.

The tour is sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society for Disciples of Christ and is a month long.

—News in Brief—

A World Christian Women's Fellowship was organized during the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Toronto, Ont., in August.

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Three German high school students are living with Christian Church families while studying in the United States this year.

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"A Faith Tremendous for Decisive Days" is the Woman's Day theme highlighting missions on Dec. 4.

Genesis Is Bible Book Of the Month to Read

Interest in the Book of Genesis never ceases, says the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature, which suggests a Bible book a month for reading. Genesis is the book for this month.

To direct their reading, the Commission suggests that readers note the many "beginnings" referred to in Genesis, and that they look for customs of the life of that day. It also asks: What was the significance of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and of Joseph?

In Genesis, says the Commission, the epical stories of creation, the problem of sin, the beginning of the Hebrew people, and the fascinating accounts of the patriarchs bear testimony to the power and majesty of God.

The Bible Book of the Month reading plan centers on the Book of Matthew next month.

Ministers to College Students Study Best Ways to Solve Problems

With 75 persons attending, the Student Workers' Association held its annual conference late in August at Epworth Forest, near North Webster, Ind. The S.W.A. is composed of Disciples of Christ ministers to college students. During the conference, the student workers studied eight hours each day under outstanding specialists in the fields of personal counseling. The Rev. Walter Abel of Manhattan, Kan., was elected S.W.A. president.

At Yakima Indian Christian Mission, Mrs. Oscar Hoovan, a missionary, touches up the dining hall mural she painted. She also teaches art to some of the children.



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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

New officers and Department Chairmen, chosen by the C.Y.F. were installed at their meeting last Sunday as follows:

President—Dwight Flowers

Vice-Pres.—Arlene Smell

2nd. Vice-Pres.—Larry Carson

Secretary—Susan VanFossen

Treasurer—Ed Crowell

Worship Chairman—Fred Gudakunst

Program Chairman—Merle Rice

Service Chairman—Robin Miller

Enlistment Chairman—John Young

Recreation Chairman—Peggy McFarland and
Marilyn Stigers

The Installation service was conducted by Mrs. F. E. Morrical at her home where 33 members and guests met.

Sunday, September 16, the group will meet at the church for a carry-in supper at 6:30 P.M. The program "What Is Right?" will be led by Merle Rice, Worship and Recreation by the new chairmen.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive meeting of the Fellowship will meet at 7:15 P.M. next Tuesday, September 18, in the Chapel. The Regular meeting is at 8 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Worship and Program "Presenting C.W.F." by the Higdon Circle. Special music, solos by Mrs. S. E. Merriman and Mrs. L. R. Mote. Fellowship Guild is in charge of Hospitality, refreshments will be served by the Nelson Circle.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

We were pleasantly surprised last Sunday to find our robes and collars cleaned and ready for the coming year. We wish to thank the women of the Christian Women's fellowship for this thoughtful deed. Many, many thanks to you wonderful women.

There was a good turn out for Choir Sunday, but we still need to see the faces of some of our faithful members and those of our new prospective choir members. If you enjoy singing and good Christian fellowship, some and join in with us. We meet each Thursday at 7:30 P.M. and on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, prompt.

AMONG OUR SICK

Paul Whitton is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital Room 370; John R. Hoop is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 331; Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, room 179 Lutheran Hospital; Cynthia Sefton, West 4th, Lutheran; Alice Varner, Room 681, St. Joseph's Hospital; We were pleased to see Mr. Bret Young in church last Sunday after being ill for several days at home.

NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Klotz are the proud parents of a new baby daughter. Mrs. Harold Nordblom is in Parkview Hospital.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang for Robert Gardner and Carolyn Ann Cline last Saturday, September 8th, in Hartford City, Indiana. Best of good wishes to these young folk.

A GIFT TO THE CHURCH

The Ladies Bible Class presented a gift of \$25.00 to the Building fund of the Church. This is a gift of sacrifice and is greatly appreciated.

USHERS ASSOCIATION

The first meeting for this Fall is at 8 P.M. September 17th, in Wesley Hall, First Methodist Church, 332 E. Wayne St. All men interested in Church ushering are urged to attend.

UNITED CHURCH MEN

The first National Convention of Christian Men, sponsored by the United Church Men, will be held September 14 - 16 at the Cleveland Public Auditorium. Theme: "You Shall Be My Witness". A wonderful week-end of inspiration and fellowship. Hear such speakers as: Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. "Billy" Graham, Congressman Walter H. Judd, Mayor Roe Bartle of Kansas City, Dr. Alan Walker, of Australia and Dr. Alton Trueblood.



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"I AM AN INDEPENDENT"

Nonsense. "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." Lay this along side of your proclaimed declaration of independence and it will not be difficult to see that such a declaration is relative. There is a relatedness in all life and one may choose this portion or that in which to live but he never escapes being dependent in some way. Right now we hear much talk about the independent vote. It is only descriptive of a certain group who one way or another will associate themselves with a party. Rugged individualism and independence may declare their stand to all the world but look beneath this bit of nonsense and you will see that they are related to much about them and dependent to a large measure on others. It is no different in religion. Any sect, theological, or social, group may declare their independence and lead a life of exclusiveness. But they are dependent on much that is around them. Now and then a church declares itself independent when in fact its life is rooted in the past of many generations, and its future dependent on people and material forces which surround it. There is a togetherness in life that is unavoidable and inherently divine. One may refuse to co-operate but he is never independent of all the forces about him. Co-operation is the one great word in social, political, economic and religious life. What we are today in all these phases of expressed life is a product of co-operation and not independence save in a relative sense.

At breakfast this morning, the paper napkin and morning paper came from pulpwood of Canada, your orange juice from Florida or California, the paper from the Orient, silverware from a Western State, mahogany table from which you eat from South America or the Philippines, the clothes you wear from the wool or cotton hundreds of miles from you. In fact about all you have and are has been brought together through various co-operative methods and not your independence. Independence is relative. Progress comes through co-operation.

Standing aloof in the Church is nonsense and self-defeating. Walk together and new fields of effort will open.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon:

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: "By Love Alone" Kountz

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Anthem: "Cherubim Song" Bortniansky

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Compassion Still Needed for 425 Refugees

Disciples of Christ are trying urgently to resettle 500 displaced families in the United States before spe-

—News in Brief—

Mrs. Georgia Garcia, the former Miss Maria Dayoan, has been chosen the new head of the home and family life work of the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches.

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The Latin American tour for church men and women in April will visit the rural mission project at Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay.

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A religious educator has joined the Mt. Beulah center staff.

cial legislation by Congress to admit them ends soon. The refugees must show that they have jobs and residences ready, and persons and churches in the United States are making arrangements for as many of them as possible. So far, Disciples aided approximately 75 individuals or family groups. The refugee immigration law makes it easy for Americans and churches to sponsor families or individuals.

To lay the plight of these refugees upon the hearts of American Christians and to aid those who will be "assurers," The United Christian Missionary Society, at 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., has a resettlement project in operation. Many refugees have been homeless 10 years.

A class in New Testament gets a lesson in Biblical geography from instructor Walter Bingham at Jarvis Christian College, Disciples of Christ at Hawkins, Texas.

—Black Star Photo





Mbambo Jean and his sister demonstrate the wheel chair made from a toy tractor.

Disciple Minister Heads Union Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico

Rev. Isidro Diaz Lopez, pastor of the First Christian Church, San Juan, Puerto Rico, is the acting president of the administrative board of Union Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico. The seminary is conducted jointly by several Protestant groups.

Two other Disciples also are affiliated with the work of the seminary to train ministers for the island. Rev. Carmelo Alvarez is an instructor, and Rev. Michael Saenz is a member of the board of trustees. Alvarez is the pastor of the Candelaria church and executive secretary of the Council of Christian Churches of Puerto Rico. Saenz is missionary-director of McLean Conference Grounds.

Missionaries' Son Gives Tractor for Wheel Chair

A child's tractor has been converted into a wheel chair for his crippled sister by a Christian teacher at Lotumbe, Belgian Congo. Originally a gift from friends in Texas to Ernest Ross, son of Disciples missionaries Dr. and Mrs. John E. Ross, the tractor was a favorite vehicle for young Ernie before he outgrew it.

In sharing an idea with the teacher, Mbambo Jean, for a practical way to convey his sister around Lotumbe, the Rosses donated the tractor. It was remodeled and fitted with a wicker seat and footrest and a steering rod.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross and Ernest returned to the Congo last year after a furlough in the United States.

The emblem below has been adopted by the nationwide Christian Men's Fellowship.



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OUR NEW MINISTER

Word has come that our new minister and family, Rev. and Mrs. George Wascovich and children, will be here with us the first of November. We look forward with pleasant anticipation to their coming.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Promotion Day in Church School September 30, 1956

C. Y. F.

The C. Y. F. will meet Sunday, September 23, at the Church with a pot-luck supper at 6 P.M. The lesson "Right In My Work" will be led by Allan Flowers. The purpose of this session is to study right decisions toward work, right choices of types of work and right 'on the job' practices. Devotions will be led by Fred Gudakunst, recreation by Miss Peggy McFarland. All High School Youth are invited. Bring covered dish and table service.

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Miss Marilyn Stigers and Miss Arlene Smell will represent the C.Y.F. of First Christian at the State C.Y.F. Retreat at Chakamak State Park near Jasonville, Indiana this week-end.

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Congratulations! Miss Arlene Smell enjoyed a two day trip to Chicago this week as a 4-H award. She is one of fourteen girls in Allen County who won the trip for outstanding 4-H work.

LOWER JUNIORS

The Lower Juniors will have a picnic Saturday afternoon, September 29th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn from 2 to 5 P.M. Transportation will be provided if needed. Each one bring own weiners, buns and potato chips. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans and Mrs. William Bennett are the teachers in the Department.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The **MISSIONS INSTITUTE** will be held at the First Baptist Church Fairfield Avenue, Thursday, September 27, under the auspices of the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women. The morning session will begin at 9:15 A.M. Luncheon will be served at 12 Noon. Tickets 75c. Please call in your reservation before Wednesday. Displays will be available with opportunity to look at them during the Noon hour. Afternoon session will begin promptly at 1:15 P.M. Mrs. Paul Halladay, North Manchester, is guest speaker. She has been affiliated with the Church World Service. A parking lot, for your convenience, is at the rear of the church, enter it off Creighton Avenue.

1956 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Des Moines, Iowa, September 28 — October 3

At Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Mrs. James D. Wyker, past president, United Church Women, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Warner Muir, minister, University Christian Church, Des Moines; Loren E. Lair, executive secretary, Iowa Society of Christian Churches; R. Frederick West, minister, Hillyer Memorial Christian Church, Raleigh, N.C.; C. O. Hawley, executive secretary, Unified Promotion, Indianapolis; Riley B. Montgomery, president, College of The Bible, Lexington, and President of the Convention; Lin D. Cartwright, editor, Christian-Evangelist, St. Louis, are among the Disciple ministers speaking. Guest speakers: Roland H. Bainton, Professor of Church History, Yale Divinity School; Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and President of National Council of Churches; Harold E. Fey, Disciple minister and editor of Christian Century, Chicago. Bible Lectures by Jack Finegan, minister, University Christian Church, Berkeley, California. Convention Theme: "Spokesmen for God". Pre-registration up to September 26, \$3.00.



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"I QUIT"

"I quit", that is what the man said. He said it with emphasis and pride. This man bragged about the several instances of "quitting the job cold" as if it were a virtue. It does not require much mental power to quit. Anyone can quit, but it takes a real man with brains to stay on the job. Another favorite expression one hears in various circles is, "I'll leave". Go right on brother, your absence will scarcely be noticed. A boy had 13 cents in a Bank. Drew it out and walked across the street. He look at the Bank, shook his fist saying, "I may not break you, but I will shake you". That is about the same status of the one who "quits" on the slightest provocation 'tho he does not even shake the organization from which he makes his exit.

There is another side to this "I quit" business. Now and then some one blurts it out and all he wants is someone to urge them not to do it. If people took him at his word, he really would be surprised and disappointed. He has issued an invitation to be coaxed and to be told what a grand "guy" he is. Now and then someone declares openly that he is leaving unless a certain thing is done. Generally speaking, such threats should be fulfilled for a disgruntled man or woman in an organization is a liability, not an asset.

The content of both phrases, "I Quit" or "I leave", is an expression of an immature mind or just plain childishness. If either of the above is a pet phrase you will do well to toss them out of your vocabulary. People who quit don't build homes, schools, banks, bridges, churches or create an industrial empire. If you are in the crowd that is always quitting, better cut their association out for there is nothing constructive among them. Don't threaten to leave on some slight provocation and then hang around. Just leave and have done with it. What we need in all our work is not "quitters" but the ones who stay on under any stress. And, if leaving, where are you going? Discontent never settles very long in one place and a critical disposition has a stigmatic view of most all things.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: "O Come Ye Blessed" Gaul

Miss Anita Fitch, Soloist

Anthem: "Eternal Life" Dungan

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

College of Missions Begins Summer Session

The first summer session of the College of Missions was held at Crystal Lake, Mich., in July. Conducted by executives in the division of world mission of The United Christian Missionary Society, the two-week course offered special training to new missionaries and candidates who expect to be commissioned in the coming year.

The plan is to convene a summer session annually for orienting new missionaries in Disciples of Christ mission administration and policies of operation. Courses of graduate study and practical experience in specialized fields of work will continue to be a requirement for overseas service under the United Society. The program of health and aptitude tests will also be continued through the department of missionary selection and training.

Enrolled in the 1956 College of Missions summer session were 15 who will serve in Africa, one in Paraguay, one in Mexico and six who plan to go to India.

The students were: Mr. and Mrs. Larry M. Alland, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Bashore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. Dean B. Cornwell, Miss Mary E. Crank, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dawson, Miss Ruth W. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wayne Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Taylor and Miss Nancy Townley-Tilson.

• One Disciple student is enrolled in Nanking Union Seminary this year, it was reported in *China Bulletin*. There are 108 men and women students in the seminary from 19 church bodies.

Mrs. George Earle Owen leads morning Bible study at the College of Missions summer session.
L. Dee Warren Photo





College of Missions House, Crystal Lake, Mich. formerly the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Martin, who gave the property including a large boathouse, to the United Society. The house was dedicated on July 1, 1956 "for the training of youth in Christian world service, a conference center for staff meetings, a place of rest and renewal for body, mind and spirit."

97 are Candidates for World Missions

There are 97 young men and women in preparation this year for overseas mission service under the United Society. The majority of these candidates are studying in graduate schools and several are engaged in medical, pastoral or social service internships. All have been officially approved as missionary candidates by the Society Board of Trustees. A number are receiving scholarship aid while in training under the direction of the Society department of missionary selection and training.

Accepted by the board in June, 1956, as missionary candidates were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin Alland, Richard Fred Dickinson, Donald Allison Elliott, Carol Lynn Harden, Mary Elizabeth Hildebrand, William Christopher

Hobgood, Robert Judson Kintner, Charles Leon Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pickett, Mary Kathryn Ruth, Anne Marilyn Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Kent Yates, Laverne Esther Dudeck, Itoko Maeda, Eugene DeWayne Wellborn.

• The year 1968 will be the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Protestant missionaries in Japan. Churches of that country plan to observe the centennial with a program of evangelism and church expansion.

• Christian Education Week, September 30 to October 7, will focus on the theme: "Laborers for God."

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Promotion Sunday in Church School, September 30. Be in your Classes.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK—September 30 to October 7th. Theme: "Laborers for God".

C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

The High School C.Y.F. met at the Church last Sunday night. They had a fine program and worship. Following the evening meal, Dwight Flowers, newly elected President, conducted the business meeting.

Next Sunday evening the C.Y.F. will meet at the Church from 6 to 8 P.M. The lesson to be studied will be on understanding C.Y.F., entitled, "Ours is Fellowship". The purpose of this study is to help the youth individually to grow in the understanding of the purpose and meaning of C.Y.F. It should enable them to establish specific objectives for their own Fellowship and work toward achieving them. Each member will bring a covered dish. All boys and girls in our church of High School age are most welcome to become affiliated with the Sunday morning and evening Fellowship groups.

C.Y.F. PAPER DRIVE — OCTOBER 6

Saturday, October 6th, the High School Youth will conduct a paper and magazine drive. This will be one of their projects for raising funds toward their Christian World Friendship Fund Missionary pledge, as well as local benevolent pledges. All members of the church are urged to collect and save their old papers and magazines prior to October 6, and contact one of the group or the Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical.

C.Y.F. HAYRIDE — OCTOBER 14

On October 14, the Youth will enjoy a Hayride following their Sunday evening Worship and Study period, which will be held at an earlier time for that Sunday only.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

Please urge your youth who would care to have a C.Y.F. Pin, which can be worn on lapel or sweater, to turn in their money to the Counselors within two weeks. The pins are priced at \$1.00 including tax.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING—Tuesday, October 16. A trip to the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged is being planned, sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Cars will leave the church at 12 Noon and return around 4 P.M. All women are invited. Any wishing to go, needing transportation please call Mrs. C. R. Ludwig, Service Chairman, K-2623. Gifts of money and staple foods will be received. You may bring your gift to the church before the 15th. Let us be generous in participating in this good work.

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The Higdon Circle will have a Weiner Bake at the home of Mrs. Gerald Elser, Ludwig Road, Monday evening, October 1, at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Alma Beck, Mrs. Ernest Kattas, chairman.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Walter J. Marks, 4705 Lafayette Esplanade, Tuesday afternoon, October 2nd, at 1:30 Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Chairman.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 No. Anthony Blvd., Tuesday afternoon, October 2, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Paul Clendenen, chairman.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, 818 Monroe Street, Tuesday afternoon, October 2, at 12:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Neil Allen, Program by Mrs. Fred Wilson. Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Chairman.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. McNamara, 3502 Senate Avenue, Wednesday evening, October 3rd, at 8 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Program by Mrs. McNamara. Mrs. L. Max Finkhousen, Chairman.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. L. H. Higgins has been ill for several days, at her home.
Mrs. K. L. Edwards is better after being ill at her home.



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HIND SIGHT

A group of men were shooting the breeze one evening. They were indulging in a pastime common to many. It was quite a session with a variety of subjects. Finally one said, "Know what? — a few years ago I had two thousand dollars in the bank. I could have bought 200 shares in a big corporation. That same stock is now worth \$100,000. What a miss. I am still poor." Another of the group remarked, "I had five hundred in a new company. Nothing happened for a time but dividends. I needed cash and sold the stock. It is now worth a quarter of a million." Talk went on and it seemed that everyone had had a good chance at investment or sold too soon. They were emphasizing how much they had lost as if there was virtue in that fact. In fact they had lost nothing but the opportunity, but they were having a great time telling about it and their imagination was dealing with fancy as if it were fact. Their hind sight was perfect but ineffective. One man in the group had said nothing. Just listened to the tales of what might have been. Things had quieted down concerning high finance and one of the "big losers" said, "John, you have not said a word. What have you done in the way of investments?" John cleared his throat, shifted his position and with a considerable drawl remarked, "I hope that when I knock at the Pearly Gate I will not have to tell the Judge how rich I might have been had I not wasted time on foolish things, neglecting the poor, the sick, the hungry and the naked. I could have been rich in neighborliness but had little time for such. Having done thus I know what the decision will be. It would run about like this, 'Son, you could have been rich in the graces of God. Your investments were not good. Hind sight is no good here. You will have to take the low road to the left.'"

The group was very quiet for a moment then one who had been fluent about his losses said, "Guess we had better shift from hind sight to foresight. Dividends will be bigger and better."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: "Beyond the Sunset" Duet

Miss Helen Flaig, Mrs. L. R. Mote

Anthem: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"—German Melody

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The LAKODA COLLEGE CLASS invites all young people above High School age to attend classes each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. The lesson and discussion is of interest to this age group. Mr. Jack E. Weicker is the teacher.

Puerto Ricans Need Churches in New York

So many Puerto Ricans have moved from their island in the Caribbean to New York City that it has been said "Disciples of Christ have their greatest home missions opportunity in Greater New York."

Families and single workers have moved to the mainland from Puerto Rico chiefly in search of better paying employment and greater educational opportunities. Even with the current economic development of the island, hundreds of Puerto Ricans continue to leave in search of a better life.

Many of these people are members of churches which were started by the Disciples of Christ Puerto Rico Mission. Largely on their own, they estab-

lished five churches and several preaching points in the Greater New York area. To buy a lot and build a church in this metropolis is beyond the means of most such transplanted groups. Even to rent a "store front" for a church is expensive. Assistance from the brotherhood-at-large is planned by a representative committee to encourage the Puerto Ricans in their program of evangelizing the city neighborhoods.

- Disciples of Christ took part in the First Evangelical Congress at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, in May, 1956. A group of 15 missionaries and Mexican leaders were in the meeting with representatives of the Congregationalist and Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches. The congress studied the possibility of entering into union projects.

Children and garbage cans fill the sidewalks in front of Monte Hermon Christian Church, New York City. In this crowded neighborhood, many Puerto Ricans live who need church guidance.

Fred Michel Photo



Opportunities Seen in the Philippines

Open doors for evangelical missions were found in the mountain provinces of northern Luzon, Philippines, when a survey was made early in 1956. Donald A. McGavran, Disciples of Christ Missionary, studied possibilities for church growth in Abra and Apayao provinces and reported his findings to the world mission division of the United Society.

Fundamentalist groups which do not enter comity agreements with other

Annual Youth Meetings Held at Estes Park

The annual national conference of the Disciples Student Fellowship Ecclesia and the annual meeting of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission were held at Estes Park, Colo., late in August. Several joint sessions were held by the two groups, though the program planning and business periods were conducted separately.

The DSF group followed the theme, "Worship and the Arts." Evening programs featured a drama, a musical concert, and discussions of ways in which the Christian gospel is expressed through art and projects of service. Students attending represented the majority of 160 DSF groups in college and university communities across the United States.

Participating in the CYF meeting were delegates from more than 30 states and areas in which the Disciples have organized CYF commissions. Program ideas, study materials and service projects to be suggested to local youth groups were considered in the national meeting. Also held concurrently with the youth meetings at Estes Park was the annual Student Workers Association Conference. This group of campus ministers represented student work of the Disciples in some 260 campus communities.



Lynn Keyes Photo

Chapel going up in Apayao mountain province.

church bodies are coming into the mountain provinces in great numbers, Dr. McGavran stated. "Their success is a rebuke to us," he averred, "either to do the job, or get out and let them evangelize the mountain tribespeople."

Dr. McGavran urged that additional missionary personnel be sent to the area to project a strong evangelistic program. "We need missionaries who are strongly evangelistic," he declared, "and men and women who can and will live in these rugged outposts."

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C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

Next Sunday, October 7th the youth meeting will be held at the church from 6 to 8 P.M. Our theme for worship and study will be "What Do You Mean—Who Was Jesus". This will be the first of 4 lessons to help the youth to come to a better understanding of some basic beliefs about Jesus, Sin, Repentance and Love. We will discuss Jesus as a man, Jesus as being unusual, Jesus as an unusual man, Jesus' Mission, and about Jesus, Savior of men. All High School Youth are welcome to come and worship, and have fun and fellowship with the group.

PAPER AND MAGAZINE DRIVE

Next Saturday at 9 A.M. the High School youth will have a paper and magazine drive at the church. A large truck will be parked in the church lot from Friday evening until Monday morning for the members to place their old papers and magazines. The Youth will work all day Saturday and will have a covered dish dinner at Noon at the church.

C.Y.F. PINS

C.Y.F. Pins should be ordered within the next week to insure wearing them to our District Youth Meet at Elkhart, November 4th. They are \$1.00 including tax. If you desire a pin get your money to the Counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical.

WELCOME BACK

After a summer of rest and recuperation, we are glad to welcome back our Youth Counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the fine folk who carried on the work in the absence of the Counsellors.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 7—David Hogg, B. W. Leversee
Oct. 14—John Craig, Hugh Rice
Oct. 21—F. E. Fuchshuber, Bret R. Young
Oct. 28—James Shockney, Grayston Cripe.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Mr. Harold Pritchard, Captain, A-36712; William R. Love, Jack E. Weicker, Herbert C. Banet, Roland R. Ripple, Charles W. Staley, Everett W. Evans, Leon H. Johns, Robert Rayl. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

THE MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The C.M.F. will meet Sunday evening, October 14 at 5 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Russell E. Palmer will be the speaker. We would like all our men to be there.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a carry-in supper and weiner bake at the church, Saturday evening October 6 at 6 o'clock. The Class will furnish the weiners. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Guild has changed its meeting date for October. They will meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave. Monday, October 15, at 8 P.M. Leader, Miss Verna Sullivan, Devotions, Miss Ethel Shroyer.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Myron Cole, 450 Clermont, Tuesday evening, October 9 at 7:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Don Eyer, Worship, Mrs. Frank Moody.

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AMONG OUR SICK

At Lutheran Hospital: Mrs. Lois Pifer is a patient in Room 573; John A. Sanders is in Room 178.

MOVING EXPENSE FUND

Of the needed \$750.00, \$361.00 was given last Sunday. In the following Sundays, let us go over the top. We are gratified with the offering last Sunday.



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Number 2

CHIP ON SHOULDER

It is a common saying that, "he has a chip on his shoulder". Another version is, "you hit me, I hit you" all of which is a different version of "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," any one of which if activated means a black eye or maybe a bloody nose. If a lesser degree of activity it leads to hot words and resentment. This latter is excess baggage for anyone to be carrying around. Useless. Let them quit, it will be avoiding future flare-up and if they leave, it is generally life. It is a low pressure of steam useless like that of the steam issuing from a tea kettle. It moves nothing, is just a sizzle.

A man was circulating among a group of church people saying nothing but carrying an air of superiority. His attitude was, please be careful about touching me. There was more or less tenseness in his facial expression. A man new to the group asked: "Who is the gentleman in the brown suit with a dignified look?" The man to whom he addressed the question said, "Oh, that man, he is no gentleman, just a fellow with a chip on his shoulder". And he was just that. In all meetings a bit critical, daring anyone to question his statements. If such happened, he took on a crimson color, manifested temper and indicated readiness for battle. The informant went on to say, "He is of no weight among us, all his strength goes toward maintaining that chip on his shoulder".

What a foolish thing for a man to move among his fellows spreading contempt and an air of superiority when in fact he is not breeze high in a whirlwind. Wearing one's "feelings on the sleeve" is a bit different. It is an invitation to stir up strife or go on a grand spree of pouting. Their indignation is never righteous, very few people pay them any attention. They don't deserve it. Let them walk alone for they are poison in any group. Sometimes they threaten to quit or leave. Let them quit, it will be avoiding future flare-up and if they leave, it is generally a good riddance. If one can contribute nothing but trouble, let them take their wares elsewhere.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:45 A.M.
 Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist
 Sermon: "The Sin of Uselessness"
 A. B. Robertson, Minister

Offertory: Quartet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker
 Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Cocherille, Mr. J. F. Smell
 Anthem: Selected
 Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Spanish-speaking Church Established

With the erection of its first building in the summer of 1956, the Northwest Christian Church of San Antonio, Tex., began to serve more adequately the people of its Spanish-speaking community. Marcelino Pollock, a Puerto Rican pastor and graduate of Texas Christian University, has ministered to the new congregation since it first met for worship in February, 1954. Worship and church school classes have been conducted in Mr. Pollock's home.

The Northwest church serves one of the newer Mexican-American neighborhoods of the city, farther out from the older section around Mexican Christian Institute and Mexican Christian Church. The latter church continues to serve the people of its area.

Establishment of Northwest church

Church school group with Marcelino Pollock in front of Northwest church parsonage.



Elicson Photos

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Northwest Christian Church, San Antonio, Tex.

has been a joint project of the Christian churches of Bexar County and the United Christian Missionary Society.

Disciples Help Support Protestant Center For Indian Americans

A new religious center building is to be erected near the main gate of the Intermountain Indian School at Brigham City, Utah. Sponsored by the Utah Council of Churches, the center will carry forward a Protestant religious program already being sponsored by volunteers from neighboring congregations.

A share in support of the new center is being contributed by Disciples of Christ through the United Society.

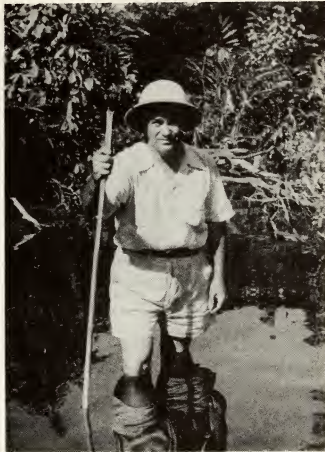
40 Churches Help Write Resolutions On Social Issues

Local church groups had a hand in wording certain resolutions brought before the International Convention of Disciples of Christ at Des Moines, Ia., early in October. Around 40 churches responded to an invitation of the United Society department of social welfare to help formulate resolutions on social issues. Suggestions of these churches were embodied in the resolutions, it was reported by Barton Hunter, executive secretary of the department.

The resolutions considered and acted upon by the convention included such subjects as religion in daily work, public education, disarmament, United Nations children's fund, alcohol and narcotics, inclusion of all races in local church membership, universal military service, social welfare and citizenship.

Suggestions of local groups regarding the framing of resolutions were the result of study on these subjects, Mr. Hunter said. The department had compiled packets of study material early in 1956 and offered to all churches of the brotherhood the opportunity to discuss the subjects and send in suggestions for the wording of resolutions. Of the 40 groups expressing their views, several said they liked the idea of helping to form the Disciples' public statements on social issues.

• Week of the Ministry, Oct. 14-21, will focus on the theme, "Confirm Their Call." The Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ urges churches to aid in recruiting young men for the ministry.



Charles Mills Photo

Joseph Whitmer, Disciple missionary on an evangelistic trip in the Belgian Congo. He has been named chairman of the evangelistic section of the Protestant exhibit to be displayed in the Brussels (Belgium) Exposition in 1958.

Girl in Diplomatic Service Was NBA Scholarship Recipient

A number of young men and women who have been residents in National Benevolent Association Homes have been provided scholarships for college training. A young woman who formerly lived in the St. Louis, Mo., Christian Home, attended college on a Gertrude Funk Scholarship and with her husband in the U. S. diplomatic service, has been stationed in South Africa, Singapore and Thailand.

NBA Homes are supported by churches of the Disciples of Christ as an expression of concern for dependent children and the aged.

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Come join the COLLEGE CLASS, a class for those above High School age.
J. E. Weicker, Teacher.

C.Y.F.

The High School C.Y.F. met at the church Sunday evening with 29 present. They participated in a most inspiring worship and study period. Next Sunday, Oct. 14, the youth will meet at the church to go to the home of the Harold Bowker family. They will leave the church PROMPTLY at 5 P.M. Upon arrival there, Fred Gudakunst will lead the devotional service and they will discuss "Prayer—What Should We Pray For." We hope to clear up any questions which they may have about prayer, also we will use some practical suggestions upon "how to pray." Following our worship service we will enjoy an hour hayride. After the hayride the youth will have lunch and a weiner bake on the Bowker lawn. Each person will pay 50¢. Several High School parents are aiding in transportation to and from the Hayride. In the event of rain, we will hold our Youth Meeting at the church at our regular hour 6 to 8 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own Miss Bernadine Bogan, sophomore at Indiana University, who has been chosen to be in charge of judging at the "Fall Carnival" which is an annual charitable event on the Bloomington Campus. Bernie was always very active in our C.Y.F. during her High School days, and her brother Ronald, is an active member at the present time.

COME DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

The Come Double Class are having a Halloween Masquerade party on Saturday, October 13th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Drive, at 8:00 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes are co-hosts. Please come in costume, if possible.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers next Sunday are the gift of Mrs. Donald C. Smith and Miss Ethel Shroyer in memory of their mother.

SANCTUARY CHOIR ELECT

Last month we had our first Coffee Hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mote, and everyone had a wonderful time. Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown, Mrs. L. R. Mote and Miss Anita Fitch were elected the new officers for the group. Two new members, Mrs. Earl Plummer and Mrs. Bernard Ruble have been added to the Choir. We welcome these young women and would like others to come and sing with us. Rehearsals are at 7:30 P.M. each Thursday and 10:00 A.M. Sunday mornings.

—Don Miller

DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL

The District Training School will be held on Tuesdays, November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Central Christian Church, Huntington, Indiana. Dr. George Cartwright, Minister of First Christian Church, Wabash, Indiana will be the Director. All interested lay-people should attend, but especially teachers, or potential teachers. Fee \$2.00. Texts may be purchased at the time of registration.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING—Tuesday, October 16. A trip to the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged is being planned, sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Cars will leave the church at 12 Noon and return around 4 P.M. All women are invited. Any wishing to go, needing transportation please call Mrs. C. R. Ludwig, Service Chairman, K-2623. Gifts of money and staple foods will be received. You may bring your gift to the church before the 15th. Let us be generous in participating in this good work.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 21, at the church, from 2 to 5 P.M. All friends and members of the church are cordially invited to attend the reception, but are asked to omit gifts.

MOVING EXPENSE FUND

We now have \$675.00 of the needed \$750.00. Thank you all. Now, let us finish up next Sunday.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, OCTOBER 18, 1956

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IT IS COMING TO PASS

First Church is soon to have a new minister. This is quite an event for all concerned. There are some things to remember. He is not a one man miracle wonder. George E. Wascovich is thirty-five and has a wife and three children. They all eat and sleep just like other people and are subject to all sorts of needs. As any other family, they will be strangers in our midst, so it is up to all of us to make them feel welcome. They have lived in Mobile, Alabama, almost ten years and have many friends there. They are going to be in need of new friends to take the place of the ones left behind. So step right up and get acquainted at once. Don't hang back. They are a fine family worthy of your friendship.

Mr. Wascovich will preach his first sermon on November 4th. You will find him very much like yourself, seeking the same things, and remember that first sermon is apt to be from a mighty tired man. Give him time to become used to you and the new surroundings. It will require a bit of patience on your part. Above all things learn to pronounce his name correctly. It is no more difficult than many other members of the Church. There will be a reception for the family at an early date. This will be a good time for you to meet the family. Much will depend on you to properly welcome them and make them feel at home.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "Ninety-First Psalm," McDermid

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Mrs. Bernard Ruble, Soprano

Sermon:

Anthem: "Bless the Lord" Ippolitov-Ivanoff

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Miss Anita Fitch, Director

Ministerial Recruit In South Africa Given Scholarship

Henry S. Terre-Blanche of Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, has been granted a scholarship to prepare for the ministry in a seminary in the United States. He left South Africa in August, expecting to enroll at Phillips University, Enid, Okla., under sponsorship of the United Society and churches of South Africa. It is planned that he shall return to South Africa to serve one of the churches there after completion of his seminary work.

A member of the Linden Christian Church of Johannesburg, where Basil Holt is minister, Mr. Terre-Blanche was employed by an insurance company before deciding to enter the ministry.

Advisory Group Plans National Men's Program

A field program for strengthening local laymen's fellowships has been projected for the year 1956-57. Plans were laid in June by the national staff of the United Society department of men's work and the National Christian Men's Fellowship Advisory Commission. The program calls for wide use of a new manual prepared for local CMF presidents. The aim is to get laymen behind the total church program of evangelism, stewardship, missionary study and support, worship, membership development and Christian education.

Officers of the national CMF group are W. B. Pearce (Louisiana), chairman; Glen Sedam (Alabama), vice-

chairman, and William H. McKinney (Indianapolis), secretary.

Central committee members are Oris Wright (Indiana), Thomas Yates (Washington), Kenneth Hicks (Missouri), and Lewis Ackers (Texas).

Children Learn About Other Faiths

An important feature of a Daily Vacation Church School at Champaign-Urbana, Ill., during the summer of 1956 was a regular period on learning about other religious faiths. The aim was to provide the children with an opportunity to gain understanding of their religious heritage. In addition, they followed the usual vacation school program of crafts, group play, Bible study and dramatics.

Daily Vacation Church School children learn from Rabbi Bernard Martin about the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible.
RNS Photo



English and Spanish Speaking Churches Share Experiences

Two churches of the Disciples of Christ in a town near the Texas-Mexico border are engaged in an effort to gain mutual understanding despite differences in language and culture. These are the First church (with Anglo-American membership) and Second church (Spanish-speaking membership of Mexican background).

When the new education building of First church was dedicated in the fall of 1955, around 20 members of the Spanish-speaking congregation attended the service. In January, 1956, a mission chapel for the people of another Mexican community in San Benito was dedicated through joint efforts of the First and Second churches. During that month also, United Church Women of San Benito held their meeting at Second Church. These events, local people report, are evidences of progress toward inter-cultural understanding.

Pastors of the churches are Virgilio I. Gonzalez, Second church, and Albert T. Stanley, First church. Mrs. G. W. Hay of First church has been active in organizing a number of joint projects.

Missionary Sees Congo Women Move Forward

Since beginning to work with women of the Belgian Congo, in 1946, Mrs. Louis Harris, Disciple missionary, says she can see encouraging progress. Women who ten years ago were back-



RNS Photo
Metropolitan Nikolai and Charles C. Parlin.

- The first copy of the new Russian Orthodox Bible to reach the United States was presented in the spring of 1956 to Charles C. Parlin, vice-president of the American Bible Society, by Metropolitan Nikolai of Russia. A Methodist layman, Mr. Parlin, was one of nine American Protestants who visited the Soviet Union in March.

ward girls are now able to manage their homes efficiently and take an active part in church women's meetings.

Some of the Congolese women have planted gardens, sold the produce and given the money to the church. One woman brought 40 baskets of manioc (a root used for making bread) down the river in canoes from a group of village women for the church. This woman conducts a meeting of women in her village by herself when no mission worker can be present. Two women took charge of Woman's Day services in one of the larger churches last year. Such a thing was not done by the Congo women ten years ago.

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The COLLEGE CLASS meets each Sunday morning at 9:15. Jack E. Weicker, Teacher.

C. Y. F.

The High School Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at the Church next Sunday evening from 6 to 8 P.M. Each will bring a covered dish and table service. Fred Gudakunst, Worship chairman, will be in charge of worship and Merle Rice will be in charge of the study period. The topic to be discussed will be, "What Do You Mean—What Is Sin?" The purpose of this lesson is to discuss the Christian concept of sin, analyze what sin is, and discover how sin enters our personal experiences. This session should show our young people how they may avoid sin and live righteously. Recreation will follow the worship and study period. Peggy McFarland and Marilyn Stigers will be in charge of recreation.

The Youth had a fine time last Sunday evening on their Hayride and Weiner Bake. There were 41 in attendance.

PARSONAGE FUND

You will find special envelopes in the pews for your convenience in making your gift to the **Parsonage Fund**. Deadline is October 21st.

MOVING EXPENSE FUND

We are about over the top. We have on hand \$734.00 of the needed \$750.00.

RUMMAGE SALE OCTOBER 30-31

The Christian Women's Fellowship are having their annual Rummage Sale Tuesday and Wednesday, October 30, 31, at 2028 So. Hanna St. Rummage may be taken to the room on Monday evening around 7 P.M. or brought to the church to be picked up on Monday.

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The C.W.F. Fall Bazaar and Turkey Dinner is scheduled for November 8th. More about that in a later issue.

WEDDING RECEPTION

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Egly in honor of their 50th Wedding anniversary.

ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION DISTRICT No. 1

The District No. 1, Annual Fall Convention of the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ will be held this next Sunday, October 21st, at the First Church of Christ, Kendallville, Indiana. Sessions 2:30 and 8 P.M. Program: Review of Ten Year Program of Advance, Panel Discussion on State Unification, Committee appointments, reports from Emily E. Flinn Home, School of Religion, and other Committee reports. Sermon: "An Adequate Ministry" by Dr. T. W. Nakarai. Registration (including supper) \$1.00. Tickets are available in Church office.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Lois Pifher and Mrs. Edith Darby are patients in Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Martin Wagner is a surgical patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.



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OUTGOING

We have been privileged to have Brother Robertson with us for nine months as Ad Interim minister. During his service here there were twenty-five additions. He called in about one hundred homes, often as a guest. He visited the shut-ins and the sick in hospitals.

He launched a tithing campaign during May and June with exceptional success. Assisted in raising moving expense money for our incoming minister. Gave encouragement to the men of the church in providing a parsonage. Counseled with the Pulpit Committee in their search for a minister.

Mr. Robertson was minister to all the people in the Church, both in their joy and their sorrow. He conducted five funerals, one wedding, and preached every Sunday of the nine months among us.

He has been a wonderful experience for the people of our church. His kindliness and goodwill were wide-spread. His sermons were a source of interest and inspiration.

This is the eighth Church he has served as Ad Interim in the last four years. His

next ministry will be in the First Christian Church, Mobile, Alabama. He says, "I don't want to see no moe sno'". Our prayers and good wishes go with him.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Sermon: "That Great Invitation"

A. B. Robertson, Minister

Eleventh Annual UN Seminars Slated

Something new is promised this year in the program of world order seminars sponsored by the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society. Of two seminars scheduled, one will be held as usual in New York, while the second will be conducted for two days in Washington, D. C., and two days in New York.

The first United Nations Seminar is slated for December 3-6 and is offered for men and women who have not previously attended such a conference. The group will visit the UN Secretariat and General Assembly buildings and attend open sessions of councils which are meeting at the time. They will also discuss current questions with foreign delegates, representatives of the UN and the U. S. Mission to the UN.

The second seminar, to be held in

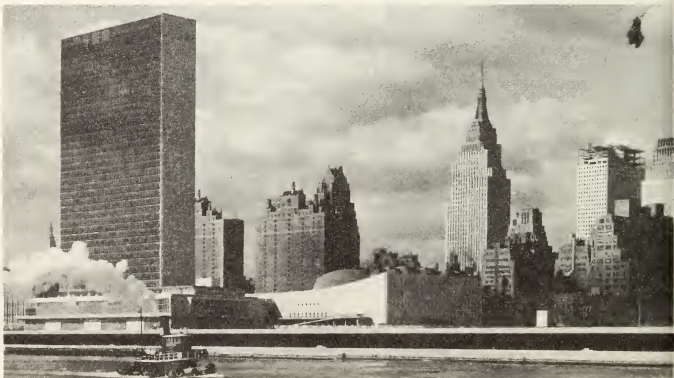
New York and Washington is scheduled for April 29-May 2, 1957. This group will be composed of ministers, laymen and churchwomen who have taken part before in at least one world order seminar, or persons who have advanced interest in international affairs.

Union Church Built In Jamaica, B.W.I.

Disciples of Christ had a hand in construction of the new Rennock Lodge Union Church and Community Center in Jamaica, British West Indies. Dedicated in July, 1956, the church was built under the supervision of Disciple missionary, Freeman Redding, who at one time had the help of a Disciple work camp group.

The union church and center were hailed by the newspaper, *Kingston Gleaner*, as a "triumph in church co-operation" on the island.

United Nations buildings where seminars will convene in December, 1956 and April, 1957.
United Nations Photo



Fraternal Worker Reports from Greece

William H. Maxon, Disciples of Christ fraternal worker, now in Greece with World Council of Churches rehabilitation team, says that his "first real job" was

● Reformation Sunday, October 28, calls attention to courageous leaders of the Sixteenth Century who stood for reforms in the Church and launched the Protestant Reformation.

● Nearly 400 Protestant missionaries are working in Japan through the Inter-board Committee. This is an interdenominational agency of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. The 19 Disciples of Christ missionaries now serving in Japan are among the cooperating group.

Tougaloo College Plans New Science Building

A new building to house science laboratories and classes will be erected on the campus of Tougaloo Southern Christian College at Tougaloo, Miss. The announcement came from Samuel C. Kincheloe, president of the school.

An old army barracks has been used on the campus for a science building. With enrollment in science courses expanding, these facilities are inadequate, Dr. Kincheloe points out. The Board of Trustees of the college has given priority in campus improvement to the projected science building.

Tougaloo Southern Christian is in the United Negro College Fund. The school is jointly sponsored by the Congregational Christian churches and the Disciples of Christ.

that of putting a new metal roof on the kitchen and building a breeze-way connecting the kitchen and main building of nursery school for refugee children. This was done near the village of Ioannina.

After his part in the construction was finished, William made a tour of the villages with which he is to work. One village he found had been almost totally destroyed during the war and its people mostly killed. In this spot, called Riziani, there is now a settlement of refugees whom the World Council team is trying to serve. The team shows them how to make and use farm tools, improve soil and crops for better living.

These are practical demonstrations of Christian concern and love, which are given by cooperating Protestant churches through the World Council.

Charles Taft Urges Aid with Reason

Americans have been advised by a leading churchman to "give more thought" to the consequences of economic aid to underdeveloped countries. The Protestant layman, Charles P. Taft, in an address at Arnoldshain, Germany, in July, admitted that it is "easier to spread blue jeans and Coca-Cola than qualities of mind and spirit." However, he urged Americans to impart, in addition to economic aid, their sense of missionary obligation, their ingenuity and belief in free choice to take part in community life.

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The BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS had a fine response last Sunday. However, we should like to see a larger group in attendance next Sunday morning. Mr. David Hogg, teacher.

The FRIENDLY CLASS with Mrs. Carter Palmer, teacher, is a Class for women. We cordially invite any woman of the Church to come and meet with us. We meet in the west section of the Ladies' Parlor.

REFORMATION DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

A Reformation Day Service will be held in First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P.M. Sunday evening, October 28th. Dr. Elmer E. Voelkel, pastor Plymouth Congregational Church will be the special speaker. Fine music is being planned. The Committee in charge hopes every minister and four laymen from his church will participate in the Processional. The public is invited.

C.Y.F. — 6 to 8 P.M.

Sunday Evening at the Church

SANCTUARY CHOIR

It is with sadness that we announce the resignation of our Choir Director, Miss Helen Flaig. She is leaving in the near future. We will miss this wonderful and capable person, but we wish her the best of everything. Miss Anita Fitch has, on occasion, substituted for Miss Flaig and will continue until a new director is secured. Practice will be at the usual times: 7:30 Thursday evenings and 10:00 Sunday mornings. We would like to build up our choir before our new minister comes. Won't YOU come and join in with us.

Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown entertained the choir at the monthly Coffee Hour last week. Every one had a fine time.

—Don Miller.

SENIOR CHURCH BASKETBALL

The Senior Team will again play in the Y.M.C.A. League this year. All games will be played on Friday and Saturday nights, and will start the second week of November. All boys 15 years and older are eligible. Any one interested call Don Miller, K-4147, or contact him at the Church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this Sunday are given by Mrs. Ethel Richhart and Miss Sharon Richhart in memory of son and brother, Donald Richhart.

MOVING EXPENSE

We have gone over the top in our gifts to the moving expense account. We needed approximately \$750.00 and now have \$779.00. Your gifts are appreciated. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE OCTOBER 30-31

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WELCOME

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Rev. George E. Wascovich has accepted the Call extended by the church and will assume his duties as minister next Sunday morning.

We welcome our minister into the life and fellowship of this church, not only as our leader in Church affairs and Religious Education, but as a friend who is establishing his home among us and casting his lot with the life of this church.

He has had a very successful ministry at Mobile, Alabama. The Church, under his leadership, have sponsored two thriving mission churches in Mobile, and during his nine years ministry 30 young people have dedicated their lives to Christian Service and the Ministry.

Our minister has been in demand by our Brotherhood Agencies. He served as president of the Mobile Ministerial Association and president of the State Convention, and was a member of the State Board of Missions and Education. He has been for several years the Chief of Chaplains of the Mobile County Civil Defense. He was a Resource Speaker for Religious Emphasis Week, at the University of Alabama and at Mississippi Southern College.

We also welcome Mrs. Wascovich into the life and fellowship of our Church. She has been invaluable in the local phases of the church life.

We welcome the children: Connie, 8 years, Craig, 5 years and baby Faith Alison. We rejoice in the coming of this fine family.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

—Liddle

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soprano

Sermon: "Crusaders or Corpses"

Anthem: "Glorious Forever" arr by Shepherd

George E. Wascovich, Minister

Sanctuary Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Disciples Distribute Relief Clothing in Korean Orphanages

While on a tour of military bases in the Pacific Area early in the summer of 1956, a representative of the Disciples of Christ helped to distribute relief goods sent abroad by churches in America.

The churchman was Carl Boyd, director of chaplaincy services for the Committee on Military and Veterans Services. He reported on returning from the trip that he helped to give to orphanages in Korea clothing, which had been sent by churches through the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society in Indianapolis. He made the visits to military bases and orphanages and schools in the company of active duty

Carl Boyd (left) and Chaplain Loren Jenks distribute clothing among children in Korea.

U. S. Army Photo



chaplains. One of the men who accompanied Mr. Boyd in Korea was Eighth Army Chaplain (Col.) Loren T. Jenks, also a Disciple.

Weekday Religious Educators Call for Increased Support

More support from cooperating Protestant churches was asked in the first national conference of teachers in Weekday Religious Education at Oberlin, Ohio, late in June, 1956. The educators represented released time religious instruction in some 3,000 public school systems across the United States.

Conference speakers stressed the significance of released time from public school classes for religious teaching in a nation which enjoys separation of church and state. The program is sponsored by the National Council of Churches and supported by cooperating Protestant church bodies.

"Radio Church" Broadcasts in Korea

A Christian broadcasting station in Korea is HLKY which is sponsored by the Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication Committee of the National Council of Churches. A Korean army chaplain wrote to the National Council that "even non-Christians listen to the 'Radio Church,' and no one listens with more attention than the ROK soldiers." Disciples of Christ help to support station HLKY through contributions of The United Christian Missionary Society to the National Council.

Dr. Donald Rice Revisits Program He Launched in India

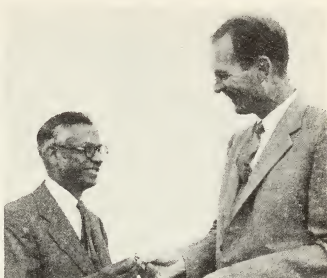
The "Jeewan Tara" or Star of Life program centering in Damoh, India, was begun in 1954 by Dr. Donald Rice, Disciple missionary. In January, 1956, Dr. Rice went to the faculty of Ludhiana Christian Medical College in the Punjab, turning the direction of the village uplift program to an Indian national, Samuel Prem Lal.



Donald Rice Photos

Open village wells in India are picturesque, but they spread diseases such as Guinea worm.

After several months at Ludhiana, Dr. Rice revisited Damoh and reported his pleasure at the continuing progress of the program. Village people were showing interest in using new wells and sanitary facilities which the village team workers were installing. A problem created by the open public wells, according to Dr. Rice, is the fact that the Guinea worm, a weakening para-



Samuel Prem Lal (left) receives the "keys" of Star of Life Program from Dr. Donald Rice.

site, is spread among people who step down into the wells while drawing water for their cooking and washing.

At Ludhiana College, Dr. Rice is heading the department of preventive and social medicine. The school trains Christian doctors for many mission hospitals throughout India.

Jarvis Graduate Leads Recreation At Mount Beulah

Young people in the vicinity of Mount Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss., are being led in organized recreation by a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex. The 1956 "grad," a physical education major, is Hubert Price. He is also a graduate (1952) of Southern Christian Institute, upon whose former campus Mount Beulah Center is located. The Mount Beulah *Lantern*, monthly newsletter of the center, praises the new staff member as one who "has a way with young boys" and promises to be a fine influence on teenagers of the area.

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The High School C.Y.F. and Junior High Group will attend the District Youth Meet at Elkhart next Sunday, November 4. Our local High School Youth group have been selected to present the opening worship service. Each member will bring a sack lunch and will eat at the church immediately following the morning service. The cars will leave the church for Elkhart PROMPTLY at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will begin at 2:15 P.M. and close around 7:00 P.M. Registration fee \$1.00 per person will include the evening meal. We urge our youth to attend the meeting. It is most worthwhile.

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The High School and Junior High Basketball team held their first practice this week. Mr. Don J. Eyer will coach the High School team, composed of boys age 15-19. They will play Monday or Tuesday evenings. Mr. Claude Crowell and John Young will coach the Junior High boys who are under 15 years. They will play Friday evenings or Saturday afternoon. These teams are affiliated with the Fort Wayne Inter-Church League and their games begin next week.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 4—Dr. A. C. Worley — David A. Griggs

November 11—Cecil Rice — Owen Vaught

November 18—Carter Palmer — Maxwell Smith

November 25—Grayston M. Cripe — John S. Craig

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Captain Wm. Caldwell, H-4920; Robert N. Hendricks, Merland G. Heller, Jerry L. Brubaker, Dale C. Hiler, Arthur C. Lyon, Jay J. McCarel, John F. Hechler, Phillip E. Uhl, Donald C. Smith, Romane H. Cole, Merle F. Morkoetter.

If unable to serve, please call your Captain.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The **Dr. Dye Circle** will meet with Mrs. David T. McCrosky, 4620 Lafayette Esplanade, Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 12:30 P.M. Devotions, Mrs. M. G. Heller, Program, Mrs. Neil Allen.

The **Higdon Circle** will meet with Mrs. Ernest Kattas, 4221 Oliver St., Tuesday evening, Nov. 6 at 7:30. Devotions, Mrs. Eural Rose, Program, Mrs. Gerald Elser.

The **McGavran Circle** will meet with Mrs. Paul Clendenen, 2217 Thompson Ave. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 1:30. Miss Della Howell assistant hostess. Worship, Mrs. H. P. Love. Study, Mrs. Paul Carpenter.

The **Kepple Circle** will meet with Mrs. A. C. Worley, 2551 Terrace Rd., Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 1:15 P.M.

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Merland G. Heller, 3224 Broadway, Friday evening, November 2, at 8 P.M.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Kathryn Eich is a patient in Room 221, Parkview hospital.

IN SYMPATHY

We express sincere sympathy to Mrs. C. F. Durfee and Mrs. Lois Pifher and family in the recent loss of their sister, Mrs. George White.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. R. J. Richard and her family in the recent loss of her Aunt, Mrs. Charles Luke, Montpelier, Ohio. Our prayers are with these fine folk in their sorrow.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, honoring Robin on his birthday.

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER AND BAZAAR

The Annual Turkey Supper and Bazaar, sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship, will be held November 8, in Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the supper \$1.50. Short orders will be served the children. Fun and frolic are being planned with a Cake walk and other interesting games. Booths will display needlework, baked goods, candies, candles, and plants for sale.



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THE HIGH ROAD OF ADVENTURE

A minister and a congregation are partners together along the High Road of Christian Adventure. My family and I are happy to join hands and hearts with you in the Christian enterprise. Daily I will pray that God will bless each one of you and will reveal Himself to you in a venture of friendship and fellowship. It will be this Divine-Human encounter which will give to us the power divine. Together we shall call upon the inexhaustible resources which are God's. There is a great task before us, but we shall find the victory through Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

A missionary friend told me of standing beside a magnificent pagan temple and asking of a pagan priest, "What did this lovely building cost?" A smile broke across the countenance of the priest, and he replied, "Why nobody knows. When we build to our God, we do not count the cost!" Beloved, when we give of our very lives in time, talent, or treasure, let us remember, it is for God!

I ask for your prayers that I may be a good shepherd. When you have a spiritual need, please feel free to call me, day or night. Remember, religion is more a love affair than a theory—into such fellowship we have entered together.

—George E. Wascovich

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

Dedicatory Solo: "Bless This House" Taylor
Mr. Robert E. Cocherille, Tenor
Anthem: "Lauda Anima," Andrews

INSTALLATION SERVICE—Sermon and Charge
Dr. Ephraim D. Lowe, General Secretary—Guest Minister
Miss Anita Fitch, Director

RECEPTION FOR MINISTER AND FAMILY

A reception will be held for the new minister and family Sunday afternoon, November 11, from 3 to 5 P.M. Members and friends of the Church are cordially invited.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.

Congo Hospitals are Intimate Places

"The Congo hospital," says Dr. Robert Bowers, "is more intimate than any hospital of my experience in the U.S.A."

A Disciples of Christ missionary, Dr. Bowers heads the mission hospital at Wema, Belgian Congo. "It does not hide its personality behind stiff starched linens, smooth tiled floors and private rooms," he says of his hospital. "And it has deep moods that reflect the daily changing life within. Birth, death, marriage, life—all are communal affairs in my Congo hospital."

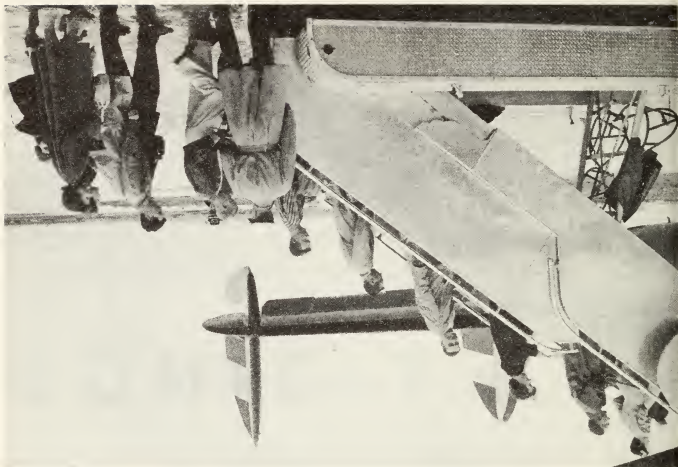
"And out of the soft, warm, damp darkness comes the consciousness, 'I am depending on you.'"

"Yes, my Congo hospital depends on me . . . But I depend on each of you . . . and we depend on God."

● During the summer of 1956 around 140 young Americans paid their way overseas to engage in good-will projects. These were ecumenical work camps conducted in 22 countries.

Disciples of Christ work campers board plane for Scotland at Idlewild airport, New York bound for their project of helping to build the church at East Kilbride, near Glasgow.

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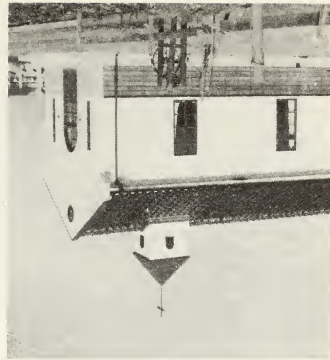


Japanese Pastor Praises Disciple Missionary Couple

Appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Mack Warner, American Disciples of Christ missionaries in Japan, was expressed in a letter to the United Christian Missionary Society from Masakatsu Imai, pastor of the Izumi Sano church in Osaka Prefecture. "Through their great help," he declared, "we are able to erect church buildings in two strongly Buddhist communities."

The two communities, Pastor Imai explained, are Kaizuka City and Izumi Sano. Cities of about 50,000 population, both have about 20 Buddhist temples, he said. Izumi Sano is a district of small industries. From 80 to 100 people attend weekly religious meetings conducted by Pastor Imai in spinning factories of the city.

The churches feel their responsibility for industrial evangelism, the Japanese minister said.



Izumi Sano Church of Christ, Honshu, Japan

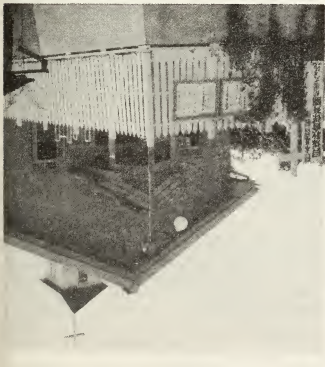
Religion in American Life Program Headed By Church Laymen

The annual Religion in American Life program which makes national advertising facilities available to religious bodies is conducted by an interfaith committee of laymen. Various media through the program for the purpose of promoting increased attendance at churches and synagogues.

The laymen's committee, sponsored by RIAL, Inc., is composed of some 64 prominent American business men, who wish to help strengthen religious influence in the nation.

● Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches around the world contributed more than \$46,000,000 in 1955 for relief purposes, according to the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-church Aid and Service to Refugees.

Kaizuka Church of Christ, Honshu, Japan.



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C.Y.F. 6 to 8 P.M.

Our Youth had a most inspiring fellowship at the District Youth Meet which was held at the Central Christian Church, Elkhart, last Sunday. First Christian had 47 in attendance and our own Susan Van Fossen, our C.Y.F. secretary, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the District Youth Committee for the coming year. First Christian was chosen as the site for the Spring District Youth Meet and the date is, tentatively May 5th, 1957.

The High School C.Y.F. will meet at the church next Sunday from 6 to 8 P.M. Each youth will bring a covered dish and table service. The lesson and worship topic will be "What Do You Mean — What Is Repentance?"

The purpose of this meeting is to help our young people begin to understand what repentance is as a response Christians must make to the presence of sin in their lives. Several youth will take part in the discussion and study period, led by the Counsellor, Mrs. F. E. Morrical and Merle Rice, Program Chairman. Fred Gudakunst, Worship Chairman, will lead the devotions.

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Our High School Basketball team won their first game by a score of 50-46. They will play Crescent Avenue E.U.B. in their second game Tuesday, November 13, at 8:05 P.M. Our younger team will play their first game Friday, November 9 at 8 P.M. They play Trinity Episcopal Church. All games are played at St. John's E. & R. gym, corner Washington and Webster Sts., and ALL GAMES ARE FREE. Let's all go and encourage our boys toward good sportsmanship!

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for this Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Whitton on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class will have a class party Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Gym.

WORD OF APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all those who so generously gave of their time to clean and redecorate the parsonage. Those helping with this work were: Mrs. Myron Cole, Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mrs. Aden Current, Mrs. Romane Cole, Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Paul Truby, Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mrs. Earl Plummer, Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. Walter Marks, Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Wm. H. Crouse, Wm. R. Love, Robert Rayl, Ben Taylor, Donald Smith, Neil Allen, Bret Young and Paul Truby.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Nelson Circle will be the guests of the Montgomery Circle Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Gail Hunt, 3122 Maple Lane. Miss Mary Ann Habbeggar, returned missionary from Africa, will be the guest speaker.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mattie Yonkman, who passed away the evening of November 2nd.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Maxwell Smith is a patient in Room 345, Parkview Hospital. Mrs. Edith Darby and Mrs. Lois Pifer are still patients in Lutheran Hospital.

WKJG-TV

Dr. John E. Ross, a leading Disciples of Christ medical missionary to Africa's Belgian Congo, will be featured on the MARCH OF MEDICINE program over NBC-TV network—WKJG-TV on Tuesday, November 27th, 1956, 9:30 P.M. EST. (Check local listing) Entitled "Monganga" meaning "white doctor" the one-hour program will deal with the work of a typical medical missionary. You will want to view this program.

A WORD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our friends in First Christian for their thoughtful kindness and sympathy our recent bereavement. Mrs. Lois Pifer and Mrs. C. F. Durfee.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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ITS THANKS - GIVING TIME AGAIN

Our Church was shocked Sunday morning by the sudden passing of a most beloved member of this congregation. Mr. Owen Vaught was close to the heart of this great congregation, having won the hearts of all who came into contact with his warm and intimate kindness. He was a Christian gentleman, and one that our church was proud to have in a position of leadership. He will be sorely missed by all of us. To Mrs. Vaught goes our deepest sympathy. How thrilling it must have been for Brother Vaught to have closed his eyes in prayer at the Master's Table here, and upon opening them find that he was in the Home of Many Mansions about the Table of his heavenly Father. 'Twas Glory for him, as it will be for all who love the Lord, and seek to live within the Kingdom of God.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday which calls the American people to an inventory of praise and prayer for the countless blessings of a loving God. The Word of God teaches us that we ought to give "Thanks always" for the blessings of the Lord. Will your Thanks-Giving day be a "Hollow-Day", or a "Holy-Day"? Let us Thank God for GOD, for CHRIST, for the CHURCH. For the promise of IMMORTALITY . . . in the light of these blessings all else seems trivial.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.	Offertory: "Serenata", Moskowsky
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist	
Sermon: "Pioneers or Panhandlers"	Anthem: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest", Willan
George E. Wascovich, Minister	Miss Anita Fitch, Director

RECEPTION FOR THE MINISTER

The reception for the minister and his family was a very lovely affair. Now that he has been "received" and "installed" it is time for all of us to work together for the upbuilding of our Church and Bible School. There were 309 in the morning worship service Sunday—let's double that number by Christmas!

Missionary Pioneers in Rammed Earth Building

The use of "Pisa," or rammed earth, construction of buildings in the Belgian Congo was introduced in 1955 by one of the Disciples of Christ missionaries, A. C. Cuppy.

The process was described by Mrs. Cuppy, who was one of an interested audience watching her husband's experiments in building a pastor's house and chapel. Earth was rammed into metal forms directly upon the foundation, Mrs. Cuppy explained. When the form was filled and uniformly packed, it was moved and another section was joined to the side or top. This was continued until the wall as a single unit was in place. The giant ant hills ever present in the Congo provided a ready source of material, she said.

With the hot Congo sun to dry the earth, strong but inexpensive walls resulted. These were plastered with cement to make them permanent. Cement floors and metal roofs completed the buildings.

Congolese workers, government and company agents made repeated visits during the construction. One said if it worked the government might use the process in its building program, also. To the Congolese, Mrs. Cuppy concluded, "Pisa construction opened a new possibility for an inexpensive, yet permanent building, using his native soil with which he is already familiar."

● A hot meal was fed to 122,000 Jamaican children five days a week through the 1955-1956 school term, using food surpluses from the U.S.A. Disciples supported this program through the Week of Compassion.



Vera Cuppy Photo
A. C. Cuppy puts roof on an earth house.

Former Missionaries To China Relocated

A study by the Missionary Research Library in New York in 1956 reveals the whereabouts of 2,291 missionaries who were serving in China prior to the evacuation of 1951. The library's report, released in the July, 1956, issue of *China Bulletin* states that 616 of the missionaries are now in active service in the U. S. or Canada; 213 have retired and 995 have been assigned to other mission fields overseas.

The 995 missionaries now serving in mission fields are distributed as follows: 870 in Asia, 25 in the Near East, 39 in Africa, 26 in Latin America and 35 in other fields. The largest reinforcements of former China missionaries have gone to Taiwan, Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Malaya, Indonesia and Korea.

Mexican Women Hold Fellowship Institute

"Something new has been added to our work in Mexico," according to a report by Mrs. Ella Huff Kepple, Disciples of Christ missionary. In the spring of 1956 the women of Mexico held two Christian Women's Fellowship institutes. One of the meetings was held in the Colonia Centenario church in San Luis Potosi for the eastern half of the field and the other in Zacatecas.

Following the theme, "Love Thy Neighbor," the women considered the subject love in the home, in the church and in the community. The women were enthusiastic about the institutes, Mrs. Kepple said, and have asked that the meetings be repeated next year.

Leaders in the institutes in addition to Mrs. Kepple and Miss Florine Cantrell, missionaries, were Miss Flora

Reyes, executive secretary of the interdenominational women's fellowships of Mexico, Mrs. Joaquina Lopez de Lara, president of Disciple CWF's of Mexico, Miss Lola Fernandez, and Mrs. Ruth Serna, teachers, and Miss Luisa Garcia, executive secretary of the Disciple CWF's in Mexico.

● Three overseas tours are being arranged for 1957 by The United Christian Missionary Society. The Society's Tour Committee has announced a youth tour to Mexico in the summer, a world missions tour for men and women from September to November and a summer study tour for adults to include TVA, industry, labor union headquarters in Washington, D. C., and the United Nations.

Leaders of Christian Women's Fellowships in Mexico, left to right are: Miss Luisa Garcia, Miss Flora Reyes, and Mrs. Daniel Lopez de Lara. These women were leaders of 1956 institutes.

Ella Kepple Photo



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The executive group of the C.Y.F.: all officers and committee chairmen, youth counsellors, the Morricals, and the minister, will meet in the youth room from 5-6 P.M. — preceding the general meeting this Sunday evening.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers for this Sunday are the gift of Miss Anita Fitch in memory of her mother.

TIME FOR BASKETBALL

The younger High School basketball team will play West Creighton Saturday, the 17th, at 2:45 P.M. All games are played at St. John's E. & R. church gym, corner of Washington & Webster Sts. — AND ALL GAMES ARE FREE!

C.M.F.

The Christian Men's Fellowship will meet Sunday, Nov. 18th, from 5-7 P.M. Election of officers will take place. The minister will be present and a good turn out is urged.

C.W.F.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday afternoon Nov. 20th. The executive at 1:15 P.M. and the general at 2:00 P.M. The minister will speak and there will be special music by Mrs. J. E. Weicker and Mrs. Robert Scott. The worship service will be given by the Kepple Group.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Have you noticed the renewed vigor of our Church as it meets for Study of God's Word? There are two very important sessions for the Church every Sunday morning; one, the Church at Study, usually called the Bible School; and secondly, the Church at Worship, usually called the Worship Service. We want to have a great Bible School of at least 500 Christians at Study, and Sunday got us off to a good start as there were 310 present, and an offering of \$54.20. Were YOU at Bible School Sunday? There are classes from the CRADLE TO THE ROCKING CHAIR! We think you'll have a wonderful time studying God's Word. Make it a point to be present this Lord's Day.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. W. C. Birkhold has returned home after spending the past week at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton. Mrs. Dick Bireley is a patient at the Parkview Hospital. Mrs. Max Smith is also a patient at Parkview. Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Irene Byron Hospital, and Mrs. Edith Darby and Mrs. Lois Pifher, both at Lutheran Hospital. Why not drop by for a brief visit with our sick? If not, send them a card to let them know you care.

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The C.W.F. Fall Fun Bazaar and Turkey Dinner last Thursday evening provided good food, and good fellowship for all. We wish to thank all those who so generously helped with the dinner and the booths.

ANNUAL UNITED THANKS - GIVING SERVICE

Our Church will participate in the Annual service of Thanks-Giving along with the Simpson Methodist, Third Presbyterian, First Baptist, West Creighton Ave. Christian, First E.U.B., and the South Wayne U.B. Churches. The service will be held at 7:45 P.M. at the South Wayne Ev. United Brethren Church. The speaker will be our minister, George E. Wascovich. We'll be looking for you.



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Number 8

Dear Friends:

How happy I have been as I have been going in and out among the homes of this congregation! I have found eager hearts and ready hands for the adventure which lies ever before us. I found that many were tithing their time, talents, and treasure for the Kingdom whose Builder and Maker is God.

We face an emerging world that proudly carries in its hands the gleaming and inexhaustible energies of the sun! With the leaping power of the sun leashed to his hands, what goals will man attempt to gain, what staggering heights will he dare attempt, what will be the bewildering reach of his destiny?

We dare not abandon ourselves to power, we cannot abandon ourselves to fear. Science has led us along the highway of power up to the shining gate of a golden era, or to the gateway of unbelievable disaster! For science has made a neighborhood from our far-flung world, but only the power of the Christian message can make a brotherhood out of this neighborhood, where mistrust, fear, and hatred holds sway.

Our efforts to create a livelihood, to scrimp and save, and get ahead a bit—these are of passing importance. But the spirit that motivates us—the faith that makes us self-giving and positive-minded—these gifts eternity claims! Let all who would know the power of God throw themselves into the work of the Kingdom of God with reckless abandon. Give of your time, talent, and treasure in a reckless manner—and to your utter amazement you will know a peace beyond all human comprehension. Did not Jesus say, "He that seeks to save His life shall lose it?" Did He not also say, "He that loses his life for My sake shall find it?" Believe Him beloved, and believe Him today! There are three things I shall repeat daily as long as I live—will you join with me? GOD IS! GOD CARES! GOD CARES FOR ME!

WOMAN'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist
The Rev. Mr. Tom N. Hill,
Guest Minister

Offertory: "Like As the Hart Desireth" Allitsen

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Anthem: "Prayer of Thanksgiving"

arr. by Kremser

Miss Anita Fitch, Director



Alice Porter Photo

Children are given milk at the health center.

Health Center Added To India Hospital

Duties of the nursing staff at Jackman Memorial Hospital, Bilaspur, India, were increased last year when new maternal and child health centers were opened there.

Dr. Hope Nicholson, Disciples of Christ missionary, who serves on the administrative staff of the hospital, explains that the local Red Cross chapter raised funds to maintain two centers and sought the aid of mission staff members to provide nurse-midwives.

The staff at Jackman Memorial Hospital responded to the call and has been supervising the center in addition to regular hospital duties. The nurses and student midwives visit in homes of needy families and give pre-natal care to mothers at the centers.

Disciples of Christ Show Missionary Gains

There were gains in many phases of overseas missions during 1955, according to reports in the 1955 *Year Book of Disciples of Christ*. Where there had been 264 churches on mission fields abroad in 1954, there were 301 in 1955. The number of mission-operated schools went from 286 to 328, with pupil enrollment increasing from 18,275 to 19,916.

The same 14 mission hospitals which gave 867,437 treatments in 1954 worked their staffs and facilities harder to provide 957,572 treatments in 1955.

Protestant Ministry To Migrants Serves In Thirty States

The people who move about the United States from harvest to harvest, gathering fruits and vegetables for the nation's tables are offered a spiritual ministry through united Protestant efforts.

Work with agricultural migrants is sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in 30 different states. United Church Women and local councils of churches are especially active in behalf of migrant families.

The list of services rendered to migrants includes vacation church schools in the migrant camps, cooking and sewing classes, literacy classes (for the 60 per cent of migrant workers who cannot read or write), day-care of children too small to work in the fields, recreation for teen-age youth and services of worship.

In addition to these activities, the National Council's migrant ministry also works with state migrant labor commissions in eleven states.

Benevolent Homes Expand Facilities

Homes for the aged sponsored by the National Benevolent Association are adding to their facilities in an effort to meet growing needs of elderly people. The Juliette Fowler Homes, Dallas, Tex., began construction of a new unit in the summer of 1956. A completed annex was dedicated in August at the Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion, Ind. A new home for the aged is also being built at Edmond, Okla. The new Oklahoma home will bring the number of NBA-sponsored homes for the aged to a total of nine.



Louise Moseley Photo

Dedication of new unit for Emily Flinn Home.

Village Churches to Be Started in Thailand

Only three years ago, two teachers and a missionary were slashing their way through a thorn thicket to plant a school in Thailand. Today, the *Thailand Mission Newsletter* continues, "160 students stood at attention as the national tri-color slowly rose to the top of the mast. Passersby stopped respectfully on the road until the end of the

anthem and then walked on with pride in their country and 'their' school which has brought a new dignity and hope to their villages."

The school described in the June, 1956, issue of the newsletter is located at Sam Yek, not far from the Churches of Christ Mission which centers in Nakon Pathom. Missionaries sent to Thailand by the United Christian Missionary Society worked with Thai leaders to open the school in 1953.

The next step, outlined in the newsletter, is that of "planting the church in the villages." Promising church leadership is being developed in the school among a small band of recently baptized students.

Negro Leaders Confer On Church Planning

Church development is being stressed by national workers among Negro churches of the Disciples of Christ. During the year 1956 a number of conferences for church workers have been held, according to *The Christian Plea*, quarterly organ of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Several hundred ministers, church school superintendents and teachers, and other lay leaders in the Negro churches have taken part in the 1956 planning meetings. These conferences have been part of a new program of in-service training for ministers and lay workers, in connection with the Disciples of Christ "Year of Christian Education."

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

There were 296 in Bible School Sunday, and we need twice that many to reach our goal of 600! The men's class, under the inspiring leadership of David Hogg, went from 4 two Sundays ago to 8 the past Sunday, and then had 15 men present Sunday, the 18th. They claim that they are out to build a Men's Bible Class second to none. There must be hundreds of men in this congregation who are not now attending any Bible School class. Why not pitch in and help build a great, growing Men's Bible Class. They will welcome you in the Chapel at 9:15 A.M. Sunday morning.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

The total offering in Bible School this Sunday morning will go toward the Missionary program of our great Brotherhood. If you haven't made your gift, then there is still time to do so this coming Sunday morning Nov. 25th.

LOYALTY SUNDAY

AAA—O if you can find the meaning of these thrilling letters then you will know the key to success in everything and anything you may want to do! December 23, will be our **ANNUAL LOYALTY SUNDAY**. It will be a thrilling service of commitment. It will be a service those who attend will not forget. Can you think of what **AAA—O** could possibly mean? They hold the Keys to success in our great church.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

We lost our first two games by close scores of 39-34 to Immanuel Baptist, and 46-38 to Calvary E. U.B. The team is fast developing into a winning team. All our games are being played at the YMCA, on Friday and Saturday nights. We urge you to come out and support your team. Our next game it at the YMCA November 23 at 7:15 P.M. against New Haven Methodist. All games are free.

C.Y.F.

The High School CYF met at the church Sunday evening with a good attendance. Next Sunday evening, November 25, the youth will meet at the church from 6 to 8 P.M. Each will bring a covered dish and table service. The youth will begin a study on "Catholic-Protestant Relationship". The first of two sessions which will be discussed by topic will be "Divided Allegiance". The purpose of this topic is to show the youth there is a very great difference between Protestant and Catholic in such matters as marriage, education and church government. This will be studied in the form of the panel discussion. Following the worship and discussion period, Peggy McFarland and Marilyn Stigers will have charge of recreation.

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The younger basketball team of the High School group won the game from West Creighton Christian Saturday with a score of 35 to 28 and will play First Presbyterian at 8 P.M. next Friday, November 23 at the St. John's E. & R. gym, corner Webster and Washington. The Older High School team will play St. John's E. & R. team at 6:45 P.M. on Tuesday, November 27. Let's all get out and back our boys. We have two very fine teams. All games are free.

AAA—O



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15

Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 29, 1956

Number 9

Dear Christian Friends:

Another year has almost slipped beyond recall. Have you thought of how wonderful God has been to you and your loved one? I thank God for another year of life with all of its potentialities and powers. If the wealth of the universe belonged to you and it was a matter of choice—your wealth, or another year of life, which would you choose? Why there is not a man alive who would lay claim to wealth, and then lie down and die, leaving it all behind. So you see you have been given a full year of life upon which we cannot place a price tag. A year of love and fellowship with our friends has enriched our days, and blessed each passing day. Gosh, but we have so very much to be grateful for, do we not? Our children which annoy us with a world of distractions, but whose love we would not exchange for the world—are they not the real treasures of our homes? Make your life a litany of prayer and praise for the manifold goodness of God.

A friend once said, "I don't like to be active in the Church because it is always costing me something." And you know, he was right. BUT . . . I once had a friend who had a son. He lost his son and he could have answered in a manner quite like this . . .

My son was always costing me something. When he was small it was always shoes or trousers, or shirts, or something. He always wanted money for candy, or books or something else.

And when he grew older it was worse. It meant money for dances, money for dates, a new suit or coat. He seemed to think I was made of money. He would want the car, and then some money for gas, and more money for a corsage for his girl—why, gosh, every time I turned around he was costing me money! Then one day he was struck by an automobile — and that night passed away. And do you know what —why he hasn't cost me a single penny since that night! But I'd give the whole world if I could have him back. I'd work my fingers to the bone to give him everything he wanted—if only he was with me. Ah, beloved, he doesn't cost me a thing, but how I wish he would!

So it is with God and the Church! Would you care to lose the influence of Christ and the Church from your life? It would mean giving up hospitals, which were the work of the Churches, schools, universities, great art and music; it would mean giving up orphanages and asylums, homes for the aged and infirm—all of which were established under the impact of the Christian witness of the Church. In such a community I would not live. Would you? It wouldn't be long before society begged the church to return with its influence—even if it cost quite a bit!

Sincerely,
GEORGE E. WASCOVICH
SUNDAY'S SERMON:
"FINDING LIFE'S STAR"

WANTED — WILLING WORKERS!

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when He needs men for His service. MOSES was busy with his flocks at Horeb; SAUL was busy searching for his father's lost beasts; GIDEON was busy threshing wheat; DAVID was busy caring for his father's sheep; ELISHA was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; AMOS was busy following the flock; NEHEMIAH was busy bearing the king's cup; PETER and ANDREW were busy casting nets into the sea; JAMES and JOHN were busy mending their nets; MATTHEW was busy collecting customs; SAUL was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.

Let us all get busy at this great work which is ours, and the Lord will use and bless US.

TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS

Ten little Christians, standing in line.
One disliked the preacher; then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up late,
One slept on Sunday morning; then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on the road to heaven;

One took the lower road, and then there were seven.

Seven little Christians got into a fix,
One disliked the music, then there were six.

Six little Christians, very much alive,
But one lost interest, then there were five.

Five little Christians wishing there were more,
But they quarrelled, then there were only four.

Four little Christians, cheerful as could be,
But one lost his temper, then there were only three.

Three little Christians knew not what to do,

One joined a sporty crowd, then there were only two.

Two little Christians—our rhyme is nearly done—

Differed with each other, then there was only one.

THEN . . .

One lone Christian won his neighbor true,
Brought him to church, then there were two.

Two earnest Christians, each won one more,
That doubled their number, then there were four.

Four sincere Christians worked very late,

But each won another, then there were eight.

Eight splendid Christians, but nothing will rhyme with 16,

So we note that in six more rhymes there would be 1,024 which would be quite a Church full!

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School C.Y.F. held a most inspiring youth meeting at the church last Sunday evening. Our minister spoke to a good attendance. During the business meeting, conducted by the president, Dwight Flowers, the Youth pledged \$75.00 to our Christian World Friendship Fund, which is a sizeable increase over last year. This pledge has been increased voluntarily by the Youth each year.

Next Sunday evening our Youth will hold their regular C.Y.F. Meeting in the Chapel of Parkview Memorial Hospital from 6 to 8 P.M. This meeting has come about through the invitation of the Church School teacher, Mr. Donald Wasson, who is a Physio-therapist at Parkview. Fred Gudakunst and Merle Rice assisted by the Counselor, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, will conduct the worship and discussion period in the Hospital Chapel. The topic is "The Rule of God". The purpose of this sessions is to help the young people begin to see something of what God expects of men and of them.

Following the worship and discussion period Mr. Wasson will show slides pertaining to his work. Then the group will be taken on a tour through the Physio-therapy Department. All parents and friends of the youth group are cordially invited to attend this meeting. The Chapel and the Physio-therapy rooms are on the first floor of the hospital.

BASKETBALL

The younger Basketball team will play St. John's Lutheran at 2:45 P.M. Saturday, December 1. They won the game last Friday with First Presbyterian by a score of 39-24.

On Monday, December 3, at 6:45 P.M. our older High School Team will play South Wayne E.U.B. Both of these games will be played at the St. John's E. & R. Gym, corner Washington and Webster Streets, and all games are free. Our High School teams both have a high rating in the League thus far.

YOUR BUILDING FUND TODAY

In order that the members of the congregation may have the latest information on the Building Fund Indebtedness, the following accounting is given:

*Certificates of Participation ..\$54,970.00
Lincoln National Bank & Trust

Company	\$85,000.00
Ft. Wayne National Bank	\$20,146.16
Wm. P. Schenkel & Sons	\$19,594.23
Hipskind Plumb. & Heat. Co.	\$ 7,897.00
Endicott Church Furn. Co.	\$ 3,647.31
City Glass Specialty Co.	\$ 2,602.87
Dahm Brothers	\$ 1,095.40
Lester Trier	\$ 822.67

TOTAL — \$195,752.64

*Reference to "Certificates of Participation", the following certificates are held by contractors over and above the indebtedness listed above.

Endicott Furniture Co.	\$ 4,000.00
McKay Electric Co.	\$ 7,050.00
City Glass Specialty Co.	\$ 3,000.00

TOTAL — \$ 14,050.00

This means that \$40,920.00 of these "Certificates" are held by members of the congregation and friends. You have done a fine job so far, and we want to strike this debt a mighty blow in the year that lies ahead. If you find an extra dollar, YOUR BUILDING FUND IS OPEN.

SHERMAN MYERS,
Chairman,
Board of Trustees



CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Garland Morroll

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Mr. David A. Griggs
Mr. Grayston M. Cripe

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, November 25, 1956

Att. Off.

Nursery Department (Ages 2 and 3)

Mrs. James Hirschy, Supervisor	
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen	7 \$.61
Mrs. Edwin R. Hall	

Kindergarten Dept. (Ages 4 and 5)

Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks, Supervisor	
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe	
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock	19 \$ 2.08
Mrs. Ernest H. Pond	

Primary Department (Ages 6 and 7)

Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Supervisor	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl	20 \$ 2.11
Mrs. George R. Bruckman	

Lower Junior Dept. (Ages 8 and 9)

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Supervisor	
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans	
Mrs. Wm. Bennett	18 \$ 4.45
Mrs. George Duncan	

Upper Junior Dept. (Ages 10 and 11)

Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Super.	
Mrs. Harold Crowder	
Mrs. G. Morroll, Sec'y.	12 \$ 2.31

Junior High Dept. (Ages 12 and 13)

Mr. Stanley Cole, Supervisor	
	9 \$ 1.51

High School Dept. (Ages 14, 15, 16, 17)

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical,	
Co-ordinating Coun.	30 \$ 3.98
Mr. Harry Harman	
Mr. Donald Wasson	
Miss Susan VanFossen, Sec'y.	

Lakoda Class (Above High School)

Mr. J. E. Weicker, Teacher	4 \$ 1.50
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Come-Double Class

Mr. Franklin Gresham, Pres.	
Mr. James R. Shockney, Teacher	
Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Sec'y.	28 \$18.10

Progressive Class

Mr. Hugh D. Rice, Teacher	
Mr. J. Fred Smell, Pres.	30 \$18.27
Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Sec'y.	

Friendly Class

Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Teacher	17 \$ 3.68
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Ladies Class

Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Teacher	10 \$20.75
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Men's Class

Mr. David Hogg, Teach.	11 \$25.00
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Total Attendance	221
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Total Offerings	\$137.78
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NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 2, 1956

9:15 A.M. Church School for All Ages,
Fellowship Hall and Education
Building.

10:25 A.M. Organ Prelude

10:30 A.M. Communion and Worship:
Sanctuary—

(Nursery for children as follows:
Infants and children through 5 yrs.)

6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Christian Youth Fel-
lowship — Youth Room.

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 P.M. Official Board Meeting
Fellowship Hall.

Friday, December 7th

6:30 P.M. Progressive Christmas Party
Carry-in Dinner — Fellowship Hall.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

7:30 P.M. Mondays—Junior H.S. Team.

4:30 P.M. Mondays—High School Team

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays—Senior Team.
Church Gymnasium.



NOTES

The Friendly Class will meet with
Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater, Fri-
day, December 7, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Thur-
man and Mrs. Winfield, co-hostesses.

We wish to express our sincere sym-
pathy to Mrs. Albert Egly and family
in the recent loss of her brother at
Battle Creek, Michigan.

We wish to take this opportunity to
thank our friends for all the thoughtfulness
and kindnesses shown in so many

ways during our recent sorrow. Mrs.
Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
F. Stauffer and family.

**THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS CHRIST-
MAS PARTY** is being held on Friday
evening, December 7th at 6:30. There
will be an Election of Officers. Bring a
covered dish and table service. Coffee
and rolls will be furnished by the
Committee in charge.

Little Ann Morrical is out of school
due to illness.

Mrs. Nettie Barr, mother of Mrs. C.
D. Palmer is a patient in Parkview Hos-
pital. She fell at her home and suffered
a broken hip.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP at
their regular meeting, November 18th,
elected the following officers for 1957:
William R. Love, President; Robert Rayl,
Vice-President; Robert N. Hendricks,
Secretary-Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with
Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming,
Tuesday, December 4, at 1:30 P.M.
Program, Mrs. C. F. Durfee. Worship,
Mrs. Maude Thurman.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with
Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, 6502 South Cal-
houn on Tuesday, December 4 at 12:30
P.M. Program by Mrs. K. L. Edwards.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs.
Wm. Caldwell, Tuesday, December 4,
at 1:15 P.M. Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Pro-
gram; Mrs. A. N. Shockney, Worship.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs.
R. N. Hendricks, 319 W. Oakdale, Wed-
nesday, December 5, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs.
H. R. Meadows, worship, Program, Mrs.
E. H. Pond.

The Higdon Circle will meet with
Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Tues-
day, December 4, at 7:45 P.M.

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We are all saddened to learn of
the passing away of Mr. Robert Clipp's
mother, Mrs. Mabel Love, of Elkhart.
Mrs. Love died Monday, Nov. 26. She
was a member of the Christian Church,
Elkhart. Our heartfelt sympathy goes
out to Mr. Clipp and his family in their
sorrow.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15 Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 6, 1956 Number 10

Dear Friends:

For nineteen hundred years the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem has been the world's number one story. It has been the theme of innumerable songs and stories, the inspiration of countless works of art.

... It has been told and retold until today it is known the world over as "the old, old story," the "Sweetest story ever told." It has become the center of the most widely observed and most joyfully celebrated festival in every land and among nearly all people.

Why has this story captured the heart of the world as no other story ever did? Surely, it cannot be simply that the story itself is more beautiful than any other, nor that it is more tenderly told. Many other stories of mother-love is just as touching and awakens the same deep and pure emotions. Yet, other stories are old and cherished for a time and then forgotten. This one goes on and becomes more beloved and better known with each passing century. And the reason?

In it man has found the utmost of God's love. God is giving His only begotten Son that man may be redeemed. He stoops to lift man from the depths of sin and death to life at its highest and best in fellowship with the living God. The Child of Bethlehem, God unites

Himself with man. In Him dwelt the fullness of the Godhead bodily. It was God's utmost for man's highest! That is what makes it the story of the ages!

In the light of this blessed story of the ages, what sign of hope can we behold in the dark days of 1956? What promise does the new year, 1957, have to offer? Can we honestly say to our friends, "Merry Christmas," without sounding as though we had lost our minds? Can we be "Merry" in a world where the scarlet is of the blood of men and women, sacrificed to a godless tyranny? Yes, I think the Christian is the one individual in all this chaotic world who can be merry and gay!

"HOW SHALL WE FACE LIFE TODAY—CHRISTMAS 1956?"

This will be the theme of the sermon Sunday morning. Beloved, you will have no Christmas without Christ! If you have no room within the inn of your hearts, you are not rejecting a "Babe in swaddling clothes", but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Why not throw wide the gateway to your inner life, and let in the mountains and the sea which beckon us to God.

Christ will be here in Church Sunday—will you?

Sincerely,
GEORGE E. WASCOVICH

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Thanksgiving offering taken up through the Church School went as usual for Christian missions. This Offering is used for: **STATE MISSIONS**, Evangelism in all type of churches, establishing new ones, and nurturing the weak churches; **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**, Bible schools, Leadership training, Camps and conferences, Chi Rho and C.Y.F., and Student work at Universities and colleges; **CHURCH COLLEGES** (Some 11 Colleges and Universities are aided through this offering); **SOCIAL EDUCATION**, Trains leadership for community study and service, and conducts alcoholic and other social studies. Our offering for these causes was as follows:

Men's Bible Class	\$45.00
Ladies Bible Class	20.75
Friendly	25.00
Progressive	40.00
Come Double	46.90
High School	3.98
Junior High	3.31
Upper Junior	6.77
Lower Junior	4.45
Primary	2.11
Kindergarten	5.26
Nursery	1.72
Lakoda	2.00

TOTAL \$247.25

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to have Miss Verna Sullivan, and Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot come into our Church fellowship. We pray that God will use you to great advantage here within our fellowship.

YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	????
Church School Attendance	278
Church School Offering	\$ 53.78
Regular Church Offering	579.37
Building Fund Offering	424.00

TOTAL GIVING \$1,057.15

"We give because Christ gave Himself for us."

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There were 46 in attendance Sunday evening at the Parkview Chapel. Next Sunday the youth will meet at the church from 6 to 8 P.M. Each will bring a cover dish and table service. Supper will be served PROMPTLY at 6 P.M. Our Worship and program will be on Mission. The minister will speak to the group on the "Christian World Friendship Fund." A film entitled, "I Found A New World" will be shown and the Youth's contribution to this fund will be dedicated and mailed. Following the Worship period, Peggy McFarland and Marilyn Stiger, Recreation co-chairmen, will be in charge of the remainder of the evening.

BASKETBALL

Our younger basketball team, coached by Mr. Heavin, Mr. Crowell and John Young, won last Saturday from St. John's Lutheran team 53-35. Our team has been leading in the league at the present time.

Our older High School team, coached by Don Eyer, won their game Monday evening from South Wayne E.U.B. team with a score of 75-39.

This Friday evening, December 7 at 6:45 P.M. our younger team will play Crescent Avenue E.U.B. team. Next Monday, December 10 at 6:45 our older team will play Union Baptist team. Both games will be played at the St. John's E. & W. Gym, and all games are free. Let's all go and encourage our teams.

The High School youth are proud of their fine new bulletin board, installed in their room this week. This board was made by Dwight Flowers, president and Ed. Crowell, youth treasurer.

SENIOR Y.M.C.A. BASKETBALL

To date our record is 1 win, 4 losses. We were beaten by the League leaders, Leo Mennonite, last Saturday by a score of 60-37. Our next game will be at the YMCA Friday, December 7 at 6:30, against First Methodist. All games are free so come down and see the games.

IF THE CHURCHES FAIL

Quite a few years ago one of the great statesmen of the world, David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain wrote:

"The world today is a jungle. The nations are prowling through it and baring their teeth at each other. At any moment a mistaken gesture, a misunderstood arrangement may make them spring at each other's throats. Mankind has gone into the morass of self-indulgence, materialism or false emotionalism. It is the great preachers alone that can make an appeal that will bring them back. When the chariot of humanity gets stuck, as it has done now, nothing will lift it out except great preaching that goes straight to the mind and heart. It is time the Christian Churches should act together and act promptly in the name of God and humanity. There is nothing in this case that will save the world but what was once called "the foolishness of preaching".

If the world of his day was a jungle, and nations beastlike in their snarling and baring teeth at one another—what would we think of this our day!

In times like these—mankind's only hope lies in the power of the Spirit of God. I see nothing upon the horizon of tomorrow with any sign of hope, except the lonely, lovely carpenter of Nazareth, and His nail pierced hands must lift us up and bring us light—or we shall fall into dark and terrifying hours. Don't dare ask God to save our world—and then neglect His Church and His Bible School. If we are honest with ourselves, we must come with broken hearts to kneel again and again at the foot of the Cross and see the release that comes from sins forgiven. Many have said, "THERE IS NO TOMORROW". And they are correct—for TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S TOMORROW! THINK — PRAY — THEN ACT!

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

December 9—Elders:

Chas. E. Fuchshuber - Cecil Rice.

Deacons:

Earl T. Fusselman, Captain, A-56922

W. Harry Imbody

Ward W. Bundy

Lawrence A. Horn

Cecil A. Kinzie

Paul E. Truby

Ben G. Taylor

Howard J. Howell

Arza Smith

Harley R. Meadows

Myron M. Cole

Farlin Edwards

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, December 2, 1956

	Att.	Off.
Nursery Department	12	\$ 1.65
Mrs. James Hirschy Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen Mrs. Edwin R. Hall		
Kindergarten	20	2.55
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	25	3.37
Mrs. Wm. R. Love Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	15	1.25
Mrs. L. A. Horn Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	23	3.16
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull Mrs. Harold Crowder Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	16	2.17
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	28	3.83
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical Mr. Harry Harman Mr. Donald Wasson Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	5	2.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Come-Double Class	43	13.50
Mr. Franklin Gresham Mr. James R. Shockney Mrs. Phillip Uhl		
Progressive Class	39	11.02
Mr. Hugh D. Rice Mr. J. Fred Smell Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau		
Friendly Class	26	3.40
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	10	1.00
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	12	4.85
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	278	\$53.78

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6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Christian Youth Fel-
lowship Youth Room.

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Christian Men's Fel-
lowship—Fellowship Hall.

December 12—Esther Circle, 6:30 P.M.

December 13—Montgomery Circle, 7:30
9:30 A.M. P.M.

December 17—Fellowship Guild, 6:30 P.M.



BASKETBALL PRACTICE

7:30 P.M. Mondays & Thursdays, Jr.
H.S. Team.

4:30 P.M. Mondays, H.S. Team.

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays, Senior Team.
Church Gymnasium.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deep and heart-
felt sympathy to Mrs. Wm. Folsum in the
recent tragic loss of her husband. Mrs.
Folsum is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Ralph J. Richard.

We also wish to express sincere sym-
pathy to Mrs. I. W. Ditton in the very re-
cent loss of her brother, Arthur Frame.

STORK NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Hendrickson in the birth of a daughter
this last week.

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WEDDING BELLS

Rang out for Miss Carole Truby and
Garland Morroff, November 17. Rev. Mr.
Wascovich united them in marriage. We
wish them every happiness.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Mr. John R.
McFarland who recently received a beau-
tiful pin for 25 years loyal service to his
firm.

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NOTES

We were sorry to learn that Mrs. Ida
Mae England fell and suffered a broken
wrist. She has been confined to her home
for some time.

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The CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST is one of
our very fine Brotherhood papers. It
should be in every home. It is \$3.00 per
year in single subscriptions and \$2.00 in
clubs. Mrs. Albert Egly handles our sub-
scriptions. Call her.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday evening, December 9 will
be Ladies' Night at the Christian Men's
Fellowship meeting. We will meet at 5
P.M. We hope all will come with their
ladies to join in our fellowship.

A travel movie will be shown by Bill
Bennett. Following will be a religious pic-
ture, "The Secret of the Gift" presented
by Rev. Wascovich. Hugh Rice will give
a reading, "The Living Monument".

Men, we need you for Kingdom Calling.
Make Thursday evenings your opportunity
to share in this great work. Be at the
Church at 7 o'clock. We will go two by
two to call upon those who need us.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

About this time of the season many years ago, my wife gave me a wonderful book called, "The Stuff of Life", by Dr. Joseph Fort Newton. In it I found some wonderful suggestions for enriching our lives. I pass them along to you.

"If you have in your heart a lovely and holy memory of days gone by, when life was new and your heart was pure, to which you can bow down when the days are dark and life is hard — hold it!

If you have a gleam of the romance upon which your home was built, a bit of the sweet magic which made life a dream, and your partner dearer than anything in all the world — hold it!

If you have a friendship, firm after the test and jar of years, with one who knows our faults and loves you still, no matter what stress or strain the tangled days may bring — hold it!

If you have a faith, however dim, which makes sense out of life, giving majestic meanings to our fleeting days, and dares to believe in the best in face of the worst the years can do — hold it!

If you have ever had a mystery mood, cross drained and holy, when life seemed to drop its veil and show you what it is and can be, when for one fleeting moment the clouds parted and the sun shone through — hold it!

If the creed in which you were brought up seems unreal, or has been shattered like a ship in a storm, and there is one

piece of it that seems near and real to you, grasp it and — hold it!

If in this sad, cynical world, in which you are tempted to turn hard and sour, not hopeless but unhelpful, you see the white flower of a noble, disinterested goodness blooming — hold it!

If, amid the turbid ebb and flow of human misery, the greasy greed and grasping selfishness which loom so large in life, you discover a gem of selfless and sacrificial devotion — hold it!

If in the darkness and mystery of life, which deepens the further we go and the more we know, a spark of God-fire flashes across your soul, follow it, trust it, and never let it go — hold it!

If, as you walk through the sunset into the twilight, and the shadows of night fall about your soul, the high, heroic hope of our race stirs in your heart, defying dull death and the dark — hold it!

If you are tempted to spread ill-will, and evil gossip, to hurt reputations and cast doubt on Christian character — don't!

Remember: no one likes to be around a grouch, a gossip, a grumbler — for life has too many dark moments to take delight in prophets of gloom!

Hold to God's sunlight and you'll know peace today!

Sincerely,

George Wascauich

"Lovest Thou Me . . . ?"

The disciples had made their way to Galilee after the resurrection, intending to return to their work as fishermen. On the shore one morning they saw a strange figure that reminded them of Him whom they had loved ever since He had summoned them to be His disciples. When they perceived that it was indeed their Lord, Peter jumped into the water and swam ashore. But even those who came more slowly had hearts that were beating faster with joyful anticipation.

In the glorious experience of the high and lofty fellowship that ensued, Jesus turned to Simon Peter and thrice asked, "Lovest thou Me?"

Peter's answer came as a confession of faith. "Thou knowest that I love thee." On each of the three occasions Jesus responded with a call to recognize the necessity of service for Him.

"Feed my sheep," He said. Here, at the conclusion of the earthly record of the life of Jesus, is an incident which summarizes the twofold message of Christ. Within the brief compass of these words there is the heart of the teaching which Jesus came to earth to reveal.

Here Jesus is asking for the allegiance of men. That is evangelism.

Then, when the answer was given in the affirmative, Jesus placed the obligation which our love for Him involves, directly upon the shoulder of the confessor. "Feed my lambs." "Feed my sheep." And that is stewardship. Jesus came seeking those who would confess Him as Saviour, and who would become His disciples, recognizing their obligation to minister to the needs of a dying world. This is the only real stewardship.

—Art Morrill

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IN SPITE OF 4 INCHES OF SNOW! YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	268
Church School Attendance	235
Church School Offering	\$ 41.38
Regular Church Offering	\$356.33
Building Fund Offering	\$380.00

TOTAL GIVING \$777.71

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"We give because Christ gave Himself for us."

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF will practice the Christmas program at the church at P.M. next Sunday. Following the practice period, they will leave the church at 4:15 P.M. to go caroling in the homes of many of our church Shut-ins. Following the caroling they will return to the home of Dwight and Allan Flowers, 334 West Fleming, for lunch and worship period. All High School Youths of the Church are urged to come and sing and have fun together.

BASKETBALL

Our Second team won last Friday evening from Crescent Avenue U.E.B. team 46-32. Our first team was defeated by the Union Baptist team Monday evening 65-52. This coming Saturday, December 15, our second team will play St. John's E. & R. team at 1:30 P.M. On Tuesday, December 18, at 9:25 P.M. our first team will play St. John's Lutheran. Both games will be played at St. John's E. & R. gym corner Washington and Webster Streets.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL

Those of our members who plan to have flowers and flowering plants for their homes on Christmas, will want them used in the Chancel on Sunday.

Please deliver them to the Church on Saturday the 22nd. They can be taken away following the Morning Worship on the 23rd.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, given for son, Stephen.

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If you have a child in Kindergarten, Primary or Junior Classes, if you are truly interested in the spiritual welfare of our children, please give thought to this: As a Christian family you have probably decided that your place on Sunday morning is in Church. If you are one who has said "But I can't teach!", consider this: You can give your loyalty. You can be a helper. You can sit down with five or six children and be helpful with homework. You can take attendance and count the offering. You can help little ones with coats and boots. You can pass out the story leaflet. You can read a passage of scripture. You will be teaching also as you do these things. When all the little things are done without confusion, we arrive at the receptive mood needed for teaching the all important lesson.

—Mrs. L. A. Horn, Supt., Primary Dept.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**December 9**

The following slate of officers was read:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE

**HELD NEXT SUNDAY,
 DECEMBER 16**

Trustees:

Herman W. Sigrist
 William H. Crouse

Members:

Maxwell P. Smith
 Carter D. Palmer
 Rolland R. Ripple
 Eural G. Rose
 Floyd E. Morrical
 Walter C. Birkhold
 Harold W. Crowder

Deacons:

Donald C. Smith
 William R. Love
 Ben G. Taylor
 Verlin J. Warnock
 Homer H. Stevenson
 Don J. Eyer
 Delmas Young
 Clarence Hendrickson
 Melvin Evans
 George R. Bruckman
 A. Jefferson Young
 Carl D. Linn
 Olos G. Fox
 John R. McFarland
 Arthur S. Betz
 David T. McCrosky

Worshipers:

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad
 Mrs. John S. Craig
 Mrs. Irene Cline
 Mrs. Harold Crowder

Church Treasurer:

Eural G. Rose

Financial Secretary:

Albert Egly

Asst. Financial Secretary:

William H. Crouse
 Homer H. Stevenson
 Sherman G. Myers
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Church Clerk:

Mrs. Owen Vaught

Church School Co-Superintendents:

Miss Mildred Hutchinson
 Miss Mildred Hartman

Church School Financial Secretary:

Lawrence A. Horn

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The Official Board will meet for the short business meeting immediately following the Morning Worship Service next Sunday morning, December 16, in the Church Parlor, for the purpose of electing the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the various Boards.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT**Sunday, December 9, 1956**

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Primary Department	20	1.00
Mrs. Wm. R. Love Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	20	1.68
Mrs. L. A. Horn Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	18	2.30
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull Mrs. Harold Crowder Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	11	1.14
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	25	3.18
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical Mr. Harry Harman Mr. Donald Wasson Miss Susan VanFossen		
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6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Christian Youth Fel-
lowship Youth Room.

December 15 — 5:30 P.M.

Come-Double Class Party
Fellowship Hall

December 17 — 6:30 P.M.

Fellowship Guild

December 18

Christian Women's Fellowship Execu-
tive 7:15 P.M. Chapel.

General 8:00 P.M. Church Parlor.

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7:30 P.M. Mondays & Thursdays, Jr.
H.S. Team.

4:30 P.M. Mondays, H.S. Team.

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays, Senior Team.
Church Gymnasium.

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Cecil A. Kinzie

Paul E. Truby

Ben G. Taylor

Howard J. Howell

Arza Smith

Harley R. Meadows

Myron M. Cole

Farlin Edwards

STORK NEWS

A little son was born last week to M
and Mrs. P. W. Drudge, 2515 Hensch St.

November 27 was the birth-date of
little son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Broyle
1324 Union Street.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mr
Wm. J. Conrad in the recent death of Mr
Conrad's brother-in-law.

And to — Mr. Arthur S. Betz and famil
in the loss of his brother.

NOTES

Mrs. L. M. Cruse is a patient in Park
view hospital Room 339, and may se
visitors.

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The Come-Double Class Party will b
Saturday evening, December 15; a carry
in dinner at 5:30 P.M. Bring your tabl
service. Dick Bireley will present
Magician Act, and Santa will pay th
Class a visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mote recently visite
the Cleveland Christian Home and were
very much impressed. They are sponsor
ing a drive for new and good used chil
dren's clothing which they will send to
the Home before Christmas. Those in the
Church who would like to contribute
please leave your gift in the Primary
Room (first room north of Fellowship Hall)

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive will meet at 7:15 P.M.
Tuesday, December 18, in the Chapel.
The General meeting will follow at 8
o'clock, in the Church Parlor. The Nelson
Circle is in charge of the program and a
movie entitled, "Peace on Earth" will be
shown. The Esther Circle is in charge o
Worship; refreshments will be served by
the Montgomery Circle.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS — COME-DOUBLE CLASS

"A Job Well Done" — The outgoing offi-
cers merit a word of appreciation for a
job well done: Franklin Gresham, Presi-
dent; William Love, Vice-President; Mrs.
Phillip Uhl, Sec'y-Treas.

New Officers Elected for 1957:

President, Paul Yentes; Vice-President,
Edwin R. Hall, Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. George
Duncan.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

Well, it is Christmas again, and I am wondering if our busy world will sense the exalted meaning, and eternal significance of this Holy Day.

Christianity is a costly religion. There is no place within Christianity where salvation is cheaply offered. Christianity began with a gift — God's gift of His Son. Christ continued this religion of giving by offering Himself as a ransom for many. The climatic act of the Christian faith came at Calvary as the Son of God died for you.

Because our religion is centered in the self-giving love of God, those who are followers of Jesus, give their tithes and offerings to extend the witness of their faith.

This Sunday, December 23rd, will be CONSECRATION SUNDAY — or PLEDGE DAY. It will be a day when we consecrate to our Lord our estimate of the worth of the Eternal Kingdom of God. For far too many years Church people the world over have "dollared and dimed" the Kingdom of God slowly to death!

Far too many Church members give WEEKLY INSTEAD OF WEEKLY, and wonder why God never becomes real to them! They wonder why prayer somehow doesn't seem to be the power of God as it ought to be, and yet never dream that the fault lies in our little concepts of God and His Kingdom.

Yes, there are several manners of giving to God. Here are a few:

Tip Method:

Give when, and if, you attend services.

Entertainment Method:

Give when the services please you just right.

Left-Over Giving:

Spend one's income for self, and if anything is left-over, give the crumb to God. (IT MUST REALLY PLEASE GOD!)

TITHE METHOD:

The method given of God throughout the Bible. (SO many say they believe God's Word, but reject the Bible's plan of Stewardship.

What you give to your Church for the work of God throughout the world, does far more for you than it will do for the world. Christian Stewardship enriches the life of the giver more than anything else he ever does. TEST GOD'S METHOD AND SEE!

God gave His Son; Christ gave His life; early Christians died to bring the Faith down to us . . . WHAT ABOUT YOUR SHARE OF OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITIES.

SERMON: "A CRADLE — A CROSS — A CROWN"

Sincerely,

George Wascauich

CONGRATULATIONS!

Go to Mrs. Ernest Pond and Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe, Kindergarten; Mrs. L. A. Horn, Primary; and Grayston M. Cripe, Young People; in completing the courses given at the Christian Education Leadership Training Classes, at Central Christian Church, Huntington, Indiana. Seven enrolled in the courses and these four completed their course.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School C.Y.F. had a very happy time last Sunday evening when caroling some of our people who are shut-ins. After caroling they met at the home of Dwight and Allan Flowers. Mrs. Flowers and Mrs. Crowell prepared and served a nice hot lunch. Fred Gudakunst was in charge of the worship.

Due to many of the High School youth participating in the Christmas program next Sunday evening, December 23, there will be no youth meeting for that Sunday, ONLY.

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BASKETBALL

Our first team won from North Christian last Friday evening, December 14, in a forfeit game. Our second team won from St. John's E. & R. team last Saturday, December 15, 65-27. They will play Trinity English Lutheran team at 8 P.M. this Friday, December 21, at St. John's E. & R. gym.

The first team will not play again until Tuesday, January 8th.

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ETERNAL CHRISTMAS

In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,
The Christ is born anew from day to day;
The life that knoweth Him shall bide apart;
And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.
—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance.....	316
Church School Attendance.....	285
Church School Offering.....	52.16
Regular Church Offering.....	826.22
Building Fund Offering.....	981.79

TOTAL GIVING \$1,860.17

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"We give because Christ gave Himself for us."

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CONGRATULATIONS

Dwight Flowers, president of the Youth group was tagged for National Honor Society by the faculty of Southside High School. The three things on which this was based are: Scholarship, character and service to his school.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Our new director, Mr. William Wetzel will join us the first of next month and it is our hope that parents of all High school youth and Junior Grade children will have them here to join their respect choirs. Also, to anyone who is interested in singing with the Sanctuary choir, extend an invitation to you to join. Everyone in our Choir wishes to the Miss Anita Fitch for her wonderful work in directing the choir these past 18 months. We are the better for her leadership.

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Y-BASKETBALL

In our last two games, we split our victory. By a small 2 points we lost to First Methodist 40-38, then we overwhelmed Church of the Brethren, 47-26. We now stand at 2 wins, 5 losses. Our next game will be at the Y.M.C.A. 7:15 Saturday, December 22, against Parkview Church, Christ. All games are free, come down and enjoy some good basketball.

—Don Miller

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CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 -- 7:30 P.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY

The Church School Christmas program is being held this Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Church Sanctuary. All church members, families and friends are cordially invited to attend. All age groups of the church school will participate and we promise a rich rewarding evening of Christian fellowship.

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OFFICIAL BOARD ELECTION OF OFFICERS DECEMBER 16, 1956

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Official Board:

David A. Griggs, Chairman
Jack E. Weicker, Vice-Chairman

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John S. Craig, Chairman, Board of Elders
Harold W. Crowder, Vice-Chairman, Board of Elders

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William Caldwell, Chairman,
Board of Deacons

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Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Chairman,
Deaconesses

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Sherman G. Myers, Chairman, Trustee
Herman W. Sigrist, Treasurer, Trustees
Wm. H. Crouse, Secretary, Trustees

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

	Attendance	Offering
Nursery	16	\$ 10.00
Kindergarten	30	15.00
Primary	35	20.00
Lower Junior	20	10.00
Upper Junior	30	20.00
Junior High	20	20.00
High School	40	35.00
LaKoda Class	8	20.00
Come-Double Class	60	150.00
Progressive Class	55	150.00
Friendly Class	55	150.00
Ladies Bible Class	15	25.00
Men's Bible Class	20	100.00
TOTAL GOALS	384	\$625.00

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GOD WITH US

There were three lights that night:
The star above the darkness, crystal fair,
The foremost angel's garment flaming
white,
The baby's circled hair.

Three sounds upon the hill:
A sudden song; low drawn, A woman's
sigh;
And, when the midnight deepened gray
and chill,
A little, little cry.

Three woes: a witless lamb
Lost from the scattered flock; it's mother
grieving;
The long, deep slumber of the townfolk —
blind
and deaf and unbelieving.

Three wonders: dark-browed kings
Riding from far; young shepherds' lifted
faces;
The silver beauty raining from the star
On Bethlehem's dark places.

There were Faith, Hope and Love;
Faith that had known, Hope that waited
well,
Love that had wrought; and in their
trembling midst,
Immanuell

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT Sunday, December 16, 1956

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	10	
Nursery Department	17	1.44
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Mrs. Edwin R. Hall		
Kindergarten	25	2.07
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	27	3.86
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	19	1.38
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	19	2.00
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroff		
Junior High Department	14	2.17
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	31	4.27
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	5	2.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Come-Double Class	44	17.75
Mr. Franklin Gresham		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Phillip Uhl		
Progressive Class	32	5.96
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. J. Fred Smell		
Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau		
Friendly Class	21	4.45
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
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Church School Christmas Service.

December 24 — 7:30

Christmas Eve Communion Service
Carols and Candlelighting.

Warm your Christmas heart at the
altar of your Church

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Myron M. Cole

Farlin Edwards

DAY DAWN OF THE HEART

'Tis not enough that Christ was born

Beneath the star that shown,

And earth was set that holy morn

Within a golden zone.

He must be born within the heart

Before He finds His throne,

And brings the day of love and good

The reign of Christlike brotherhood.

—Mary T. Lathrop

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It was said that the Wise Men after
visiting the Babe in the manger "we
back another way." No one can really
see Christ and go back the same way.
Life becomes different from that hour.

—E. Stanley Jones

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel flowers this Sunday were given
by Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Smith
in memory of Marjorie Ann Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mote recently visited
the Cleveland Christian Home and were
very much impressed. They are sponsoring
a drive for new and good used children's
clothing which they will send to the
Home. Those in the Church who would
like to contribute, please leave your gifts
in the Primary Room (first room north of
Fellowship Hall).

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL

Those of our members who plan to have
flowers and flowering plants for their
homes on Christmas, will want them used
in the Chancel on Sunday.

Please deliver them to the Church on
Saturday the 22nd. They can be taken
away following the Morning Worship on
the 23rd.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

One of life's greatest discoveries is to come to know that man does not live by bread alone, but by beauty and harmony, truth and goodness, work and recreation, affection and friendship, aspiration and worship.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by the splendor of the starry firmament at midnight, the glory of the heavens at dawn, the gorgeous blending of colors at sunset, the luxuriant loveliness of trees and shrubs, the sheer magnificence of mountains.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by the majesty of ocean breakers, the shimmer of moonlight on a calm lake, the glistening silver of a mountain torrent, the exquisite patterns of snow crystals, the created creations of master-artists.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by the sweet song of a mockingbird, the whistle of tall corn in the breeze, the magic of the maestro's violin, the grandeur of Handel's Messiah, the sublimity of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by the fragrance of roses, the scent of mowers, the smell of new mown hay, the grasp of a friend's hand, the tenderness of a mother's kiss.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by the lyrics and sonnets of poets, the mature wisdom of sages, the holiness of saints, the biographies of great souls, the

life-giving words of Holy Scripture.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by comradeship and high adventure, seeking and finding, creating and cooperating, serving and sharing, loving and being loved.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by being faithful in prayer, responding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, taking up the cross and following the living Christ finding and doing the loving will of God now and eternally.

As you face the New Year, Christ calls you to a sense of rededication and re-consecration by putting an end to half-hearted loyalties, by putting an end to appeasement of individuals who are not wholly consecrated to God and the Church, and by putting an end to compromise with the world.

Christ calls for a deeper consecration of effort, a greater dedication of resources, and the bending of unaccustomed knees in prayer. You will decide now, but eternity will record the answer.

May God bring all your dreams that are in accord with His gracious will to fruition. Put Christ and His Kingdom at the top of your life's priorities, and you will know the power of God. God must first become an influence, then a light, and finally He becomes a Presence. Try now and see.

Sincerely,

George Wascauich

SCHOOL FOR LIVING

A THRILLING NEW SERVICE

On the night of January 6, we will begin a thrilling new service at First Christian Church. It will be a family affair! Our Church family needs to get together for a period of happy fellowship. Beginning promptly at 6:00 P.M. we will meet in our respective groups from the cradle through the oldest adults. This session will last for only forty-five minutes. Then at 6:45 we will meet together as a family for light refreshments. The entire service will be over promptly (we promise) at 8:00. Thus you needn't try to use the old excuse that your children must be up for school in the morning — for how many of them get to bed before 8:00 or 8:30 P.M. Plan to attend the first Sunday evening SCHOOL FOR LIVING! We hope and pray that at least 300 of you will be present on the first night of our SCHOOL FOR LIVING!

Here are the Classes for the new School of Living groups:

Adults—Mr. Wascovich will teach this group on such subjects as: "WHAT IS THE CHURCH"? and "WHAT MAKES A CHRISTIAN"? Later on we should discuss, "What are the basic beliefs of my church? This would be a period where any and all questions our people might have could be asked and answers sought.

CYF (High School Age)

Chi Rho

Junior Groups

Primary Group

Kindergarten

Nursery

A free will offering will be taken in the classes to help pay for snacks, etc. The nursery will be open for all small children. THIS IS A FAMILY AFFAIR — DON'T LET US DOWN! WE REALLY NEED EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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NEVER NIGHT AGAIN

The soft light from a stable door
Lies on the midnight lands.

The Wise Men's star burns evermore
Over all desert sands.

Unto all peoples of the earth
A little Child brought light,

And never in the darkest place
Can it be utter night.

No flickering torch, no wavering fire,
But Light — the life of men.

Whatever clouds may veil the sky,
Never is night again!

—Lillian Cox

CHRISTMAS

As shadows cast by cloud and sun
Flit o'er the summer grass,

So, in thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth's generations pass.

And as the years, an endless host,
Come swiftly pressing on,

The brightest names that earth can b
Just glisten and are gone.

Yet doth the star of Bethlehem shed
A luster pure and sweet:

And still it leads, as once it led,
To the Messiah's feet.

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright,

And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

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New Year's Day—a milepost on the w
to eternity.

Have nothing to do with that which
not bear the test of time.

Time, whose tooth gnaws away eve
thing, is powerless against truth.

—Thomas Huxley

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Full usefulness depends on new thoug
and new horizons. Life must look to
future, not to the past.

Take time to live—it is the secret
success.

Take time to think—it is the source
power.

Take time to play—it is the secret
youth.

Take time to read—it is the foundati
of knowledge.

Take time for friendship—it is the sou
of happiness.

Take time to laugh—it helps lift lif
load.

Take time to dream—it hitches the so
to the stars.

Take time for God—it is life's only la
ing investment.

—Rotary Rambler

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APPRECIATION

Mr. J. Fred Riethmiller received 118 car
and greetings for this Christmas Seaso
He wishes to take this means of thanki
every one who so kindly remembered hi
He makes his home at the Emily E. Fli
Home at Marion, Ind. Mr. Riethmiller is
member of long standing in this church.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, December 30, the High School Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at the church from 6 to 8 P.M. Each youth will bring a covered dish and table service. For the Worship and discussion period the topic will be "My Spiritual Opportunity". The purpose of this meeting is to help the young people to study some spiritual opportunities that can enrich their lives and to show them how persons go about developing the habit of worshiping God at regular times, what they do when they worship and what they use to guide them in worthwhile personal worship.

Fred Gudakunst and Merle Rice will be in charge of worship and program. Marilyn Stigers and Peggy McFarland will plan recreation.

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BASKETBALL

The High School Basketball team will play Trinity Episcopal team on Friday, December 28 at 6:45 P.M. The game will be played at the St. John's E. & R. gym, corner Washington and Webster Streets.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	353
Church School Attendance	277
Church School Offering	\$ 308.78
Other Benevolent Offering	72.97

Total Christmas Offering	\$ 381.75
Regular Church Offering	\$ 636.80
Building Fund Offering	509.75

TOTAL GIVING\$1,528.30

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"We give because Christ gave Himself for us."

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We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs,

He most lives

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

—Philip James Bailey—

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Mrs. Garland Morroff		
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January 1

Higdon Circle meets with Mrs. Alma
Beck.

January 8th

First Official Board meeting of the new
Church year.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

7:30 P.M. Mondays & Thursdays, Jr.
H.S. Team.

4:30 P.M. Mondays, H.S. Team.

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays, Senior Team.
Church Gymnasium.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

December 23—Elders:

Robert Clipp - Glenn R. Miller

Deacons:

Earl T. Fusselman, Captain, A-56922

W. Harry Imbody

Ward W. Bundy

Lawrence A. Horn

Cecil A. Kinzie

Paul E. Truby

Ben G. Taylor

Howard J. Howell

Arza Smith

Harley R. Meadows

Myron M. Cole

Farlin Edwards

APPRECIATION

We wish to say "thank you" to all offi-
cers of the Church School, Church School
teachers, volunteer workers, kitchen crew
and directors of choirs for their fine co-
operation and help in the Christmas pro-
gram held last Sunday.

A very special "thank you" to the chil-
dren and young adults who participated.
All of you did a wonderful job and made
our job much easier.

—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs.
Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne Street, January
1st, 1957, at 7:45 P.M. The program will
be given by Mrs. Eural G. Rose and
worship by Mrs. Ernest Kattas.

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BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

For those of our members who have
building fund pledges, envelopes will be
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on your pledge. The account numbers
differ from your regular envelopes.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1957

The Church Envelopes are in the Nar-
thex. Check your name on the box, as
account numbers change from year to
year. If you do not find your box please
speak to Mrs. Vaught, Church Secretary.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to have Ronald Elliott
and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bireley come
into the fellowship of our Church. We
pray that God will bless their homes, and
use them to great advantage here within
our Church.

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As I enter the New Year, I take God to
be my Father; Jesus Christ to be my
Saviour; the Holy Spirit to be my Guide;
the Bible to be the rule of my life; Chris-
tian people to be my associates; Christian
work my duty and privilege.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are
given by Mr. Sherman G. Myers in mem-
ory of his mother.

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I AM RESOLVED

—To live with all my might while I do live;
—Never to lose one moment of time,
but improve it in the most profitable way
I possibly can;
—Never to do anything which I should
despise or think meanly of in another;
—Never to do anything out of revenge;
—Never to do anything which I should be
afraid to do if it were the last hour of
my life.

—Jonathan Edwards



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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

What wonderful things stand just out reach on the threshold of the New Year? Will we know peace and prosperity? Will joy and happiness be ours to have and to hold? It is safe to say that the New Year will bring to most of us the very same things that the years at lie in the past have brought. We find in life the things which we seek, even to our hurt and heartache. I pray that the New Year will bring to every heart and home the peace that passeth all understanding. I pray that it will bring the prosperity of happy hours. If you can come to know that all happiness is the result of inner response to spiritual values, then every day can be happy, and every year prosperous.

Just a word today about your church pledge. It was thrilling to know that any increased their pledges in a very generous measure — thus casting their vote for an increasing witness for their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. There were many, of course, that kept their pledges on the same level due to the fact they were already tithing, and others because they were already giving in a sacrificial measure. But this is the time for all Christian people to rally to the cause of Christ. Give to the Church the opportunity of doing its job in a measure worthy of the Kingdom of God!

I once sat in a \$20,000 home, on a very expensive rug, and saw a man take out

a \$15 dollar pen, and make out a pledge to his church for \$2 per week! Later when his pedigreed dog came into the living room, he told me that the dog ate up about \$3 worth of hamburger per week! I went away sorrowful to know that in America a man could think more of his dog than he did of his Christ!

There were many who did not make a pledge to the church. Some say they do not believe in pledging . . . But, they really do . . . to the telephone company, to the light company, to their Insurance companies, etc. The good ole American time payment plan is nothing more than a man pledging to keep up monthly payments while he receives the blessings of the products he is using. When I pledge to God through the Church, I am only returning a portion of God's blessings as He goes on blessing me day after day.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION: those of you who have made pledges to the Building Fund which have one more year to run will keep on paying that pledge as usual. At the end of that time we will make all of our pledges on an annual basis on the Annual Day of Consecration.

Beloved, let us all work together to make our Church one of the greatest Churches in America. I pledge to you that I will not spare myself in the work toward that goal. I do not believe in shoddy commitments or claptrap loyalties! I believe and practice tithing and urge you to try God's method! Let's make this OUR GREATEST YEAR EVER!

SCHOOL FOR LIVING

A THRILLING NEW SERVICE

On the night of January 6, we will begin a thrilling new service at First Christian Church. It will be a family affair! Our Church family needs to get together for a period of happy fellowship. Beginning promptly at 6:00 P.M. we will meet in our respective groups from the cradle through the oldest adults. This session will last for only forty-five minutes. Then at 6:45 we will meet together as a family for light refreshments. The entire service will be over promptly (we promise) at 8:00. Thus you needn't try to use the old excuse that your children must be up for school in the morning — for how many of them get to bed before 8:00 or 8:30 P.M. Plan to attend the first Sunday evening SCHOOL FOR LIVING! We hope and pray that at least 300 of you will be present on the first night of our SCHOOL FOR LIVING!

Here are the Classes for the new School of Living groups:

Adults—Mr. Wascovich will teach this group on such subjects as: "WHAT IS THE CHURCH"? and "WHAT MAKES A CHRISTIAN"? Later on we should discuss, "What are the basic beliefs of my church? This would be a period where any and all questions our people might have could be asked and answers sought.

CYF (High School Age)

Chi Rho

Junior Groups

Primary Group

Kindergarten

Nursery

A free will offering will be taken in the classes to help pay for snacks, etc. The nursery will be open for all small children. THIS IS A FAMILY AFFAIR — DON'T LET US DOWN! WE REALLY NEED EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 1819 Kentucky Ave. Tuesday, January 8 at 1:15 P.M.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave. Tuesday afternoon, January 8, at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Joseph Siples, Program by Mrs. Hendricks P. Love.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, 6305 So. Hanna St. extended, Tuesday afternoon, January 8, at 12:30. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Arthur Betz, program by Mrs. Lillian Scott.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, January 6, the C.Y.F. will have the regular Executive committee meeting from 5 to 6 P.M., preceding the regular meeting. All officers and committee chairmen of the Youth group are urged to meet with the minister and your counselors promptly at 5 P.M. in the Youth room. The entire CYF will meet from 6 to 8 P.M. Fred Gudakunst and Merle Rice and the Youth Counselors will conduct the worship and study period entitled "Different Points of View on Catholic Protestant Relationships". The purpose of this meeting is to help the members of the CYF to discover some of the conflicting ideas Protestants and Catholics have about such things as the Sacraments, scripture, Mary, the Cross and Forgiveness of sin. This promises to be a most interesting meeting and all High School age Youth are urged to attend. Following the worship and study period, the youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch at 7:00 P.M. Recreation will follow the lunch period until 8 P.M.

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We were most happy to welcome many of our former CYF members who were home from College and the Armed Forces for the Holiday Season.

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BASKETBALL

The High School Basketball First team will play Anthony Wayne on Tuesday, January 8 at 8:05 P.M. The Second team will play next Saturday afternoon, January 5, at 1:30 P.M. against West Creighton Christian team. Both games will be played at the St. John's E. & R. Gym, corner Washington and Webster Streets.

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UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

Annual Youth Week Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 31, 1957, at First Presbyterian Church, at 6:30 P.M. at \$1.25 per plate. First Christian will want a good representation.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Robert Young is a patient in Lutheran hospital, having suffered an injury from a fall.

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Rev. Joseph B. Fitch, brother to Miss Anita Fitch, is in the hospital at Rensselaer, Ind., after suffering a light heart attack a few weeks ago. He is slowly recuperating.

THE FOOTPATH TO PEACE

- o be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love, to work, and to play and to look up at the stars.
- o be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them.
- o despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness.
- o fear nothing except cowardice.
- o be governed by your admirations, rather than by your disgusts.
- o covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners!
- o think seldom of your enemies, and often of your friends, and every day of Christ!
- o spend as much time as you can with body and spirit in God's out-of-doors.

THESE ARE LITTLE GUIDEPOSTS

ON THE FOOTPATH

OF PEACE.

—Henry Van Dyke

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	250
Church School Attendance	217
Church School Offering	56.81
Total Christmas Offering	12.96
Regular Church Offering	518.70
Building Fund Offering	747.50

TOTAL GIVING1335.97

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"We give because Christ gave Himself
or us."

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Good resolutions carried out become
good habits.

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Translate your resolutions into definite
deeds or else you will forget them.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, December 30, 1956

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	6	
Nursery Department	11	1.57
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	19	3.03
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	19	4.50
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	17	3.86
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	13	2.94
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	11	2.15
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	26	3.67
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
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Mr. Donald Wasson		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	6	3.65
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Come-Double Class	30	17.30
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Jack E. Weicker

Leon H. Johns

Robert N. Hendricks

Earl T. Fusselman

Arthur S. Betz

Dale C. Hiler

Delmas Young

Howard J. Howell

Carl D. Linn

Paul L. Carpenter

John R. McFarland

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OPERATING FUND ENVELOPES

Operating fund envelopes which have
not been picked up will be mailed to you
this week, for your convenience in making
your offerings in 1957.

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OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday
evening, January 8, at 8:00 P.M. in Fellow-
ship Hall.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY 13

This will be Ladies' Night. There is a
rare treat in store for those who attend
this meeting. Miss Dora Lee Allen, Meth-
odist missionary to Liberia, South Africa,
will be the guest speaker. She will tell
of her experiences in Liberia. She was
appointed to represent Liberia at the U.N.
She has served as Educational Director
in Liberia and has published textbooks
used there. She is presently employed in
Indiana with the Youth Movement for
Christian, Catholic and Jew.

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Life is a voyage; the human soul a ship.
The uncharted seas of the New Year lie
before us. It will not be all calm seas and
sunny skies. There will also be shoals and
reefs and storms. What a comfort it is,
when the shoals of temptation threaten,
the reefs of trouble rise, and the storms
of sorrow surround us, to know that Jesus
is the Captain of our souls and His Word
the chart of our voyage.

—W. F. Wilk

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Like Enoch, walk with God this New
Year. But remember that to walk with
God, you must walk in the direction in
which God goes.



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Volume 15

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Number 15

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

It is wonderful to see this great church going about its task with happy smiles and deepening fellowship. I'm certain that First Christian Church of Fort Wayne can become one of the greatest churches of our great Brotherhood. We have a great choir! The music of our choir has been outstanding, and the special music of solos and duets, and quartets has been unsurpassed! We have a wonderful organist and a singing congregation — why it does my heart good to listen to the congregation singing the praises of God!

Our Church school is a growing one, and is staffed by some of the finest teachers to be found anywhere! The Church school offers classes from the Cradle to the Rocking Chair, and all of them has a warm welcome to all who come to their doors. (I understand that the Progressive Class challenged the Come Double Class to an attendance contest—and at the writing of this article has had no response to the challenge! Oh, but there will be a response, just you wait and see!)

I've been deeply proud of the way the members of this church have been bringing their friends and neighbors to the services of the Church! It is the attitude that builds great churches, so let's keep up the good work!

The School for Christian Living had an impressive beginning! There were 166

present and every one had a very happy time. The snack time was one of good food, good fellowship, and good fun! If you missed it, you missed a wonderful time!

This coming Sunday evening the School of Living will be looking for Y O U ! If your friends drop by for a visit, bring them along, they'll have a good time!

Sunday morning's sermon will deal with the basic problems each of us faces in life. I will attempt to give God's answer to life's problems. The sermon will be: "SEEING AROUND LIFE'S CORNERS". Is Christianity an insurance policy against disaster? Against horrible disease? If not, then what does God have to offer to those who follow Him? This will be our approach in the morning sermon.

Let nothing keep you from worship! The church is a spiritual storehouse where you may gather strength for life's journey. And never forget that 7 DAYS WITHOUT PRAYER MAKES ONE WEAK! Here are several terms which can be applied to Christians, see which one fits you:

weekly giving vs. weakly giving

Light givers vs. light-givers

See you in Church, God will be here, will you?

Sincerely,

George Wascaich

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

There were 166 present in the School for Christian Living this past Sunday. It was a wonderful beginning. Our deepest thanks goes to all who shared so wonderfully in preparing the snack, without which our evening could not have been successful. Our gratitude to those who taught in the various classes is both genuine and heartfelt. Our schedule for Sunday evening will be as follows:

6-7 P.M. Class Time.

7-7 ? Snack time and fellowship.

This coming Sunday evening the minister will deal with the problem of the deity of Jesus. The subject matter might well be stated: "WHY I BELIEVE IN THE DEITY OF JESUS!" Then we shall discuss the founder—foundation—when founded—and where founded—all in relation to the church.

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THE PASTOR'S CLASS

Mr. Wascovich is planning a CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS for young people of the Junior and Chi Rho Department, which will meet in the study Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. February 2, 9, 16, 23. Young people considering church membership during the coming months are urged to contact the minister about this class, or call the church office H-6222.

A Second CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS for High School and Adult Departments will be held March 17, 23, 31, and April 7. All who are interested in considering church membership between now and Easter ought to contact the minister, or call the church office H-6222. The Class would be held during the Church School Hour.

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CONGRATULATIONS—to our own Steve Coleman and Fred Van Fossen, both active CYF'ers who were installed last Thursday in DeMoley offices at Scottish Rite. Fred was installed as Treasurer and Steven as Junior Deacon.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School Christian Youth Fellowship met last Sunday evening with a good attendance. Starting next Sunday, January 13, the Youth group will meet at the church every Sunday evening at 5 o'clock instead of 6 o'clock. They will enjoy recreation from 5 to 6 in the gym. Our minister will be with the Youth group, and the CYF Counselors, during this hour. Marilyn Stigers and Peggy McFarland will be in charge of recreation. From 6 to 7 o'clock, the youth will have their worship and study period in the Chapel. Fred Gudakunst and Merle Rice will be in charge. At 7 o'clock the youth will join in the lunch in Fellowship Hall.

The topic to be discussed next Sunday is, "Music and Meaning". The purpose of this meeting is to help young people see how to discover real meaning in religious music. Let's all come and have fun together.

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YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week will be observed this year from January 27th through February 3rd. On Sunday evening, January 27th, at five o'clock the West Creighton Christian Church Youth Fellowship will be the guests of our CYF. The schedule of their program will be approximately as follows:

5-6 P.M. Get acquainted and recreation

6-7 P.M. Worship

7-7:30 P.M. Snack time and fellowship

On the night of January 31, the youth of all the churches which participate in the Associated Churches will have a Youth banquet which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. The cost of the banquet will be \$1.25.

Our Basketball Second Team won from West Creighton Team last Saturday, 34-26. This team thus far, has a perfect record of winning every game. Let's encourage the good work. They will play First Presbyterian Friday, January 11 at 6:45 P.M.

Our Basketball First Team has an splendid record too, and they will play Trinity English Lutheran team at 9:25 P.M. Monday, January 14. Both games are played at St. John's E. & R. gym, corner Washington and Webster and all games are free. The girls in the Youth group are doing fine as Cheer Section. Come join in the fun and cheer our boys on.

THE ROSEBUD SERVICE

You are cordially invited to bring your child to the morning worship service at 0:30 o'clock on February 24, in which you will be challenged to dedicate your lives as Christian Parents in setting before your child a Christian example in word and deed that they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; promising to do all you can to lead him at the proper age to make his public profession of faith in Jesus the Christ, and to be baptized into the fellowship of His Church.

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CHURCH SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR—January 1, 1956 —
December 31, 1956

Cash balance, June 1, 1956	\$ 361.28
Receipts:	
Regular Offerings	2117.33
Special Offerings:	
Easter	\$ 229.55
Children's Day	149.33
Thanksgiving	247.25
Christmas	405.13

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Total Receipts

Disbursements:

Missions

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Literature & Supp.

Furniture & Equip.

Nursery Service

Postage

Bank Charge

Long Distance Tel.

Film Rentals

Piano Moving

Soft Ball

Basketball

Camps: Chi Rho

High School

CYF Retreat

Refund - Camp Fees

Associated Churches

(Youth Week)

Lab. Training School

Teachers Training

Teachers Training

Christmas Party

Total Disbursed

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* One-Half of Camp fees paid by students.

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STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor are the
proud parents of a new baby son, born
at St. Joseph's Hospital January 7, 1957.
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Miss Ann Rhodes underwent an appen-
dectomy last week at St. Joseph's Hospital.
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IN SORROW: We wish to extend our
heartfelt sympathy to Mr. LeRoy Timbrook
in the recent loss of his sister, Mrs. Naomi
Teters, burial was December 29.
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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with
Mrs. Ora Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw Street, on
January 14. Devotions will be given by
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Miss Mildred
Hartman is leader.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs.
Albert Egly, 1927 N. Wells St., Monday
evening, January 14, at 6:30 P.M.
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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY 13

This will be Ladies' Night. There is a
rare treat in store for those who attend
this meeting. Miss Dora Lee Allen, Meth-
odist missionary to Liberia, South Africa,
will be the guest speaker. She will tell
of her experiences in Liberia. She was
appointed to represent Liberia at the U.N.
She has served as Educational Director
in Liberia and has published textbooks
used there. She is presently employed in
Indiana with the Youth Movement for
Christian, Catholic and Jew.

YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	315
Church School Attendance	277
Church School Offering	56.67
Regular Church Offering	754.90
Building Fund Offering	520.06
TOTAL GIVING	1331.63

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"We give because Christ gave Himself
for us."
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Number 16

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

It was an inspiring sight Sunday to see 30 in the morning worship service, and 16 in the School for Christian Living. It is clearly evident that you are intent on making First Christian one of the truly great Churches of our great Brotherhood! One can sense the Spirit of God moving across our hearts in response to our worship. Surely no one can go away from the worship services without knowing that we were in the presence of our God. But you, and only you, can bring your friends and neighbors to join you in your quest for the abundant life. Don't pass up an opportunity to say a good word about Jesus and your Church this week. Make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to win a friend to Christ this year, and bring a friend to Church and Bible School every Lord's Day.

It is a pleasure to see how this great congregation responds to the needs of the Church. Your Christian Stewardship is gratifying and we are making progress in cutting down our indebtedness — but keep the church in your prayers! Ask God to guide and direct all who labor to make this the truly great church it is destined to become! Then put your own shoulder to the wheel and push!

This coming Sunday I shall be dealing in both the morning Sermon and in the School of Living, with the basic facts of the Christian Faith. In the morning sermon I shall preach on the theme: "CHRIST IN

YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY". I shall bring to your attention the meaning of "justification by faith", the "living Word of God", and the "Priesthood of believers". We must not forget that Christ was more than a revealer — He is the revelation! Christ not only spoke God's Word — He is God's Word! Yes, beloved, the people of God, like other people, are to live within the orders of creation, but to bring to these orders the transforming power of Christ's redeeming love!

In the SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING I shall discuss the theme: "Results of Obeying the Pattern of Teaching Given by Christ". What do you mean by FAITH — REPENTANCE — CONFESSION — BAPTISM — Is there a pattern of teaching which we can follow to find the abundant life in Christ? Bring your questions and we will attempt to answer them. You may write them out on a slip of paper and without signing your name hand them to me and we will discuss the question freely.

Do you know what I heard Sunday night? Well several men and women made almost the same remarks, but it added up to this: "Gee, but this is a happy group. I'm real glad I came!"

You will be too, this Sunday at worship and at the School for Christian living.

Sincerely,

George Wascauch

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

An estimated 216 were present in the School for Christian Living this last Sunday. Our thanks go to those who so cheerfully prepared the delicious snack. These snacks are very important to the success of the evening. An offering of \$38.79 was received.

Mrs. Paul Truby, Snack time chairman Jan. 20. Letters will be mailed to those who are to help serve.

This coming Sunday evening the minister will discuss some of the basic facts of the Christian Faith. You will want to be present.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

FOR 1957

The Flower Calendar has been on order and we hope to have it on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, soon. In the meantime, if you desire to reserve a Sunday in memory of, or honoring a loved one, please call Mrs. Vaught in the church office and she will gladly reserve your date.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for next Sunday, January 20, are given by Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Don J. Eyer and Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, in memory of their dear mother.

The Chancel flowers on the 13th of January were given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl in memory of their little son, Donnie.

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IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. George Meyers of Grover Hill, Ohio, has presented to the Church, a pair of beautiful black and silver wrought iron candelabra and matching wrought iron Prie Dieu as a lasting memorial to her dear husband, George Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers were members of this church for many years, working with young people in the Church School and the Sunday evening Youth groups.

We are deeply appreciative of this lovely gift and our sincere thanks goes to Mrs. Meyers.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF met last Sunday evening in the Church gym at 5 P.M. During the recreation they surprised the Counselor Mrs. F. E. Morrical by singing "Happy Birthday" and serving cupcake and fruit punch to a large attendance. This was very much appreciated. The group joined with the CMF during the lesson period to hear their Guest Speaker relate her experience in Liberia.

Next Sunday, January 20, the CYF will hold their meeting at the home of Warren Stevenson, 7260 Winchester Rd. from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson will serve the meal. Then the Worship and discussion period will follow. The topic to be discussed is, "Music and Meaning." The purpose of this meeting is to help young people begin to see how they can discover real meaning in religious music.

Merle Rice and Fred Gudakunst will be in charge of this service. Marilyn Stiger and Peggy McFarland will conduct recreation following the worship period.

Dwight Flowers, our CYF president, will lead the group in completing plans toward our observance of Youth Sunday on January 27 at the church.

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BASKETBALL

The Second team won their game from First Presbyterian last Friday evening and also won from Trinity English Lutheran on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday game was won by forfeit.

They will play St. John's Lutheran this coming Saturday, January 19 at 1:30 P.M. The First team will play Westfield Presbyterian at 6:45 P.M. next Tuesday, January 22. All games are played at St. John's E. & R. Gym, corner Washington and Webster.

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1. He attends church every Sunday permitting only that to keep him from church which would keep him from business.
2. He practices daily devotions — studies the Scripture and prays regularly.
3. He assumes responsibility — accepts some definite task in the life of the church.
4. He tithes his income.
5. He is one whose life and words witness for Christ in every area of experience.

—Copied

THE ROSEBUD SERVICE

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Scott Powers is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Leo Miller is ill at home with "flu".

Mrs. Eva Mosier and Mrs. Maude Thurman have been confined at home with colds.

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THANK YOU

We wish to thank the Ladies Class for their gift of \$25.00 to the Building Fund. Also, our thanks to the Friendly Class for their gift of \$53.00 to the Building Fund.

Such gifts are appreciated and show a fine spirit of loyalty to our great church.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, January 13, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	9	
Nursery Department	11	1.16
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	22	2.01
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	35	3.12
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	16	2.20
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	24	3.72
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	15	2.16
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	36	4.84
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	5	2.45
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	45	16.27
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	40	10.40
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. J. Fred Smell		
Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau		
Friendly Class	21	5.53
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	9	1.05
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	7.90
Mr. David Hogg		

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Sanctuary.

(Nursery for children: Infants
and children through 5 years)

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TIAN LIVING.
Department Rooms and Fellowship
Hall.
6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Christian Youth Fel-
lowship—Youth Room and Chapel.

Tuesday, January 22—

Christian Women's Fellowship—
Executive 1:30 P.M.
General 2:00 P.M.

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7:30 P.M. Mondays & Thursdays, Jr.
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Church Gymnasium.

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IN SYMPATHY

We are all deeply grieved in the recent
passing away of Mrs. J. R. ("Mom") Coar
Tuesday morning, January 15. Mrs. Coar
over a long period of years, served the
Church in many ways. She was Teacher
of the Ladies Class, and also taught the
Progressive Class for many years. She
was a Board Director of the Emily E.
Flinn Home for the Aged at Marion. She
served our Brotherhood in the District and
State. We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to Mr. Coar and their son, Robert Coar and
family.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sym-
pathy to Edwin L. Shidler and family in
the recent loss of his father.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF will hold its regular meeting
on Tuesday, January 22 in the Church
Parlor at 2:00 o'clock. Executive in the
Chapel at 1:30. The McGavran Circle is
in charge of the program; Worship by the
Dye Circle; Special music will be a Duet
by Mrs. L. A. Horn and Mrs. Hilda Brown.
Kepple Circle will serve the refreshments.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	330
Church School Attendance	302
Church School Offering	62.81
Regular Church Offering	793.97
Building Fund Offering	466.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$1322.76

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

Wasn't it wonderful to be a part of our fine services yesterday? Yes, the weather wasn't the very best, what with the streets glittering with ice, and the softly falling rain—but life's choices for good or ill, often come at odd moments and in similar circumstances. The profoundest pathos of life arises from the necessity of having to choose between two alternatives which are both desirable. A man should protect his family, for instance, and he ought also to obey God. A missionary leaves his family in America to cross the ocean in answer to a call of service among foreign people. In leaving, does he betray his family; in remaining, would he betray God? It is relatively simple to choose between honesty and dishonesty; it is very often heart-rending to choose between the high and the highest.

When Martin Niemöller in 1936 elected to enter a Nazi concentration camp rather than compromise or deny his Lord, he also elected to leave his wife and eight children defenseless against the probable torment of his enemies. Did he then betray his family? When Perpetua gave birth to her baby in Carthage, and then went serene and triumphant to the wild beasts of the amphitheater, do you suppose she

knew nothing of a mother's love? When Martin Luther wrote those fearful words, "And should they in the strife take kindred, goods and life . . .", you dare not suppose that he did not love his little son, Hans Luther; not if you have read his letters to them. When Cromwell's wife wrote to him and besought him to think of his safety for her sake, his reply was, "Thou art dearer to me than any creature; let that suffice."

In all the varied decisions which life enforces upon us, this is the comfort: that in choosing Christ and the things of His Kingdom, in the deepest sense we shall never have betrayed nor neglected the lesser goods either. For this supreme loyalties, will ultimately include them all. To choose the highest is to exalt and ennoble all that which is high.

THEREFORE, "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS . . ."

Place the Church of the Living Christ at the top of your list of priorities, in TIME . . . TREASURE . . . TALENT . . .

Sincerely,

George Wascaich

Sunday's Sermon: "WHAT TO DO WITH LIFE'S BURDENS".

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

In spite of the rainy weather we had 184 present last Sunday evening to enjoy a period of discussion and fellowship. The offering was \$34.05.

Why not each one be a committee of one to invite and bring one more with you next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Don J. Eyer is Snack Time chairman, January 27. Letters were mailed to those who are to help serve.

Guests who will fellowship with us at Snack time are the Youth of West Creighton Christian Church.

Mr. Wascovich will lead the discussion period.

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THE MEN'S CLASS

Mr. David Hogg is teacher. This Class meets each Sunday morning in the Chapel. Men! The CLASS NEEDS YOU!

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THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 1957 is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. You may reserve your Sunday, now.

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

The School of Religion, Seminary Choir, Butler University, will be heard over NBC radio network February 3 and March 3 at 8:15-8:30 A.M. E.S.T. The February 3 program will feature the 7-voice Motet Singers while the March 3 program will include the united Seminary Choir. NBC stations in Indiana will carry the program.

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This church flings wide its doors like welcoming arms and invites you to come in. This is your Father's house. Why should not one feel at home and welcome in the house of his Father?

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BASKETBALL

Our Second team won from St. John's Lutheran last Saturday, 56-28. So far they have totaled 12 wins and no losses, and are top in the League. They will play this coming Saturday, January 26 at 1:30 P.M. when they will meet Crescent U.E.B. team.

Our First team was defeated Monday evening by Trinity English Lutheran team. They will play Monday, January 28 at 6:45 P.M. against St. Luke's Lutheran. Both games will be played at St. John's E. & R. gym, corner Webster and Washington.

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Let us not come into the Sanctuary for the purpose of enjoying ourselves, or for listening to good music, or for hearing sermons. Let us come to worship Almighty God, our great Father; to exalt the name of Jesus Christ, our great Saviour; and to listen to the silent voice of the Holy Spirit, our great Guide.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School C.Y.F. met last Sunday evening at the home of Warren Stevens with 34 members present. Mrs. Stevens served a fine lunch. During the business meeting which was conducted by a president, Dwight Flowers, plans were completed for the observance of Youth Week starting next Sunday, January 1. During the morning service next Sunday eight of our youth will serve as deacons.

From 5 to 7:30 P.M. our C.Y.F. will have the West Creighton Church C.Y.F. members as guests. They will have worship and fellowship together. Our Youth group will provide the worship and recreation and West Creighton C.Y.F. will present the program.

On Thursday, January 31, at 6 P.M. many of our C.Y.F. members, their Counselors and our minister will attend the Youth Banquet at the First Presbyterian Church. This banquet is sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. We urge all youth who can possibly attend to get their tickets at once from Mrs. F. E. Morrical, C.Y.F. Counselor. Tickets are \$1.25 each.

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GOD BROKE THE YEARS

God broke the years to hours and days,
That hour by hour and day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weight of life
Be laid upon our shoulders
And the future rife
With foe and struggle
Meet us face to face
In just one place,
We could not go on;
Our feet would stop. And so
God lays a little on us every day
As the threads of gold and silver,
And never, I believe, on all the way
Will burdens bear so deep
Or pathways lie so steep
We cannot go,—if by God's power
We only bear the burden of the hour.

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HE ANSWERED

He answered prayer, not in the way
sought,
Not in the way I thought He ought,
But in His own way, and I could see
He answered in the fashion best for me
And I was glad that I had such a share
In His parental love and care,
That He thus answered prayer!

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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
—Proverbs 9:10

Twelve Things to Learn:

- The value of time.
- The need of perseverance.
- The pleasure of serving.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The true worth of character.
- The power of kindness.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The nobility of labor.
- The teachings of Him who said,
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Special	2000.00
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AMONG OUR SICK

Bro. A. N. Shockney suffered a light
stroke last week and is confined to his
home. Word comes that he is some better.

Mrs. Ida Mae England, fell last Thurs-
day and broke her left arm. She broke
her right arm a few months ago. She is
a patient at Lutheran hospital, Room 16

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sym-
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day morning. Mr. Tracey was a member
of this church for more than 15 years.

FISH FRY

THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
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is to be prepared by the Famous Akron
Jonah Club, Inc., Akron, Indiana. Ticket
are available at the church office or from
any member of the Fellowship. Adult
\$1.50; children under 12, 75c. The menu:
ALL THE FISH YOU CAN EAT (Fresh
water perch); potato chips; cole slaw;
carrot sticks; celery sticks; tartar sauce;
bread and butter; coffee and milk; pi-
e (cherry or apple). Public invited. Ticket
will be sold at the door.

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ness for Christ in every area of ex-
perience.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15 Fort Wayne, Indiana, January 31, 1957 Number 18

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

When Ernest Renan left the Church he lamented sadly that "the magic circle that makes all of life worthwhile is broken."

Our age is learning anew that the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Church is a "magic circle" making all of life worthwhile! We are today rediscovering the spiritual world! Our mounting statistics on alcoholism, divorce, delinquency and neurosis are eloquent testimony to the dichotomy wrought in the human soul by the loneliness of man apart from his God.

There are two principal and related reasons for the devaluation of man, and the breaking of that circle which gave life beauty, unity, and meaning for thousand years, and which apparently man is attempting to recapture.

First, the corrosive acids of a materialistic science ate away the doctrinal bases of that circle's precious metal; the physical scientists and the behavioristic psychologists concentrated their microscopes on molecules and nerve ends and brain cells and scoffed out of consideration any manifestation of the human personality that did not have an obvious physical cause. At the same time, technological progress was making the physical life very attractive. Gadgetry replaced Christianity.

Western Man's real religion; men banished away from the mystic contemplation of the Kingdom of God to enjoyment of the heaven on earth science was bringing. The church couldn't compete with

deluxe model cars with automatic gear shifts, etc.! When Clark Gable and Myrna Loy came in mid-week prayer meetings went out. Add to this the modern attraction of T.V. and the Church has a tremendous time mediating its gospel of redemption.

Secondly, the breakdown in the outer authority of the church was reflected in the breakdown of its inner authority. The church did not stop preaching her doctrines, but she did stop practicing them. It continued to preach the supremacy of the spiritual life, but practiced materialism in its own life; and through this lesion between profession and practice the church's moral authority dripped slowly away.

We desperately need to see that the Church alone has been the custodian of the historic values and concepts out of which a formula for ending man's loneliness and restoring him to fellowship with God must come. **THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH ALONE HOLDS IN HER HANDS THE ETERNAL DESTINY OF LOST MANKIND!** Man must put an end to this age of sensate culture, and work for an emergence of a new Age of Faith in which the spiritual values of the Church will be primary. **MAN DOES NOT NEED A SYSTEM — HE NEEDS A SAVIOUR!** In this direction lies our hope for peace. **LET'S PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH!**

Sincerely,

George Wascovich

"ALL THE CHURCH CARES ABOUT"

AN ATTENDANCE CONTEST

"All the Church cares about is money." How many times have you heard someone make a statement like that? I've heard it many times — sometimes, believe it or not, by members of the Church! But I must admit that my blood pressure rises a little each time I hear it. HERE'S WHY—

All the liquor interests care about is money! That is a true statement. But I don't hear people say it very often. Liquor interests don't care about a man's soul. They don't care about drink-caused auto accidents and mangled bodies. They don't care about "skid-row" and the human wrecks they sent there. All the liquor interests care about is money.

All the tobacco interests care about is money. That is true! They don't care about polluted air and stuffy trains and busses. They don't care about stained fingers and lungs. They don't care about ridiculous girls and foolish old ladies with dangling cigarettes and people who snicker as they see them. They don't care about damaged health and wasted family budgets. All they care about is money.

All the movie makers care about is money. That is true, but not often stated! They don't care about the filth and crime on the screen and the bad examples set for our youth. They don't care about the moral standard they encourage. They don't care about the drinking and sensuality they display on the screens of thousands of movies across the land. All they care about is money.

All the Church cares about is what? The Church cares about men and women. The Church cares about the homes and the communities of our land. The Church cares about the sick and dying, the underprivileged and discouraged. The Church cares about crime and vice. The Church cares about souls and morals. The Church cares about God and godliness. I KNOW BECAUSE I AM A PART OF THE CHURCH AND I CARE! My Christian friends are a part of the church and they care. Christians care even as God and Christ care! We care enough to give our lives and our money—your church is after far more than money, believe me!

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This coming Sunday, February 3, an attendance contest will be held between the PROGRESSIVE CLASS and the COME-DOUBLE CLASS. The contest will end on Easter Sunday morning. The Progressive class, taught by Hugh Rice, has an average attendance of 30 it must maintain and the Come-Double class has an average attendance of 40 it must maintain. The losers will give a dinner to the winners! If you are not attending a Bible School class—now is the time to begin.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mr. Ernest Pond, 4809 South Calhoun Street, Wednesday evening, February 6, at 8 o'clock. Worship by Mrs. Phillip Uhl, program by Mrs. L. R. Mote.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mr. Paul Whitton, 3308 South Clinton Street, Tuesday, February 5, at 7:45 P.M. Program will be given by Mrs. Irene Cline, Devotions by Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Tuesday, February 5, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. E. N. Schlatter will give devotions, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, program.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mr. Arthur Betz, 4427 Kenilworth Dr. Tuesday, February 5, at 1:00 o'clock. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Hugh Rice, Program by Mrs. Kenneth Dibble.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mr. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Avenue, Tuesday afternoon, February 5, at 1 P.M. Mrs. W. H. Imbody will give devotions, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, the program.

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FISH FRY

The Christian Men's Fellowship is sponsoring the Fish Fry this Friday evening, February 8th. Get your tickets from any member of the Fellowship, the Church office, or tickets may be purchased at the door on Friday. Adults \$1 children under 12, 75c. The meal will be "ALL THE FISH YOU CAN EAT" prepared by the Famous Akron Jonah Club, Inc., Akron, Ind. Come! bring your friends! Invite your neighbors! Men who are selling tickets, please report the results of your sales to your team Captain by February 4th.

THE PASTOR'S CLASS

The Church Membership Class for young people of Junior and Chi Rho age will begin study this Saturday morning, February 2, at 10 o'clock, and will continue each Saturday through February. The class will close promptly at 11 o'clock. This is a fine opportunity for young people who are considering church membership. Please be prompt.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

In observance of Youth Sunday our High School CYF were hosts to the West reighton CYF. There were 51 in attendance. Next Sunday, February 3, our High School youth will meet in the church gym at 5:00 P.M. At 6 P.M. they will go to the Chapel for a worship and discussion hour. The topic for discussion will be "How to Rate on a Date", the first of a series on dating problems and solutions. The purpose of this discussion is to show the youth there is a Christian way of conducting our personal social lives, and how to behave on dates. Following the lunch period the youth will meet with Mr. Wetzel, our music director, to practice for the High School Choir.

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BASKETBALL

Our first team won last Monday from St. Luke's Lutheran. Our second team won Saturday from Crescent EUB team 3-21. The second team will play their final game before the Play-off game, next Saturday afternoon, Feb. 2 at 2:45 P.M. when they meet St. John's E. & R. team. The first team will play their final game on Monday, February 4th at 8:05 P.M. when they meet First EUB team.

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LOST AND FOUND

Miss Peggy McFarland lost her purse last Sunday evening. It is a light tan clutch purse and it had a red billfold in it. Also other articles of importance only to her. If anyone has found such a purse, please call Peggy, or bring it to the church. Thank you.

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A Second CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS for High School and Adult Departments will be held March 17, 23, 31, and April 7. All who are interested in considering church membership between now and Easter ought to contact the minister, or call the church office H-6222. The Class could be held during the Church School hour.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, January 27, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	6	
Nursery Department	12	1.21
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	20	1.84
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	34	2.66
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	16	1.95
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	19	3.35
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroff		
Junior High Department	14	2.20
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	30	2.91
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	7	3.90
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	35	10.05
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	26	10.35
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	16	3.34
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	6	.75
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	7.75
Mr. David Hogg		

TOTALS 269 52.26

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Maxwell P. Smith—Bertram W. Levers

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William Caldwell

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

There will be a baby sitter available every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9: P.M. Young parents, who would like sing with the choir, will find excellent care for their children during the practice hour. You are cordially invited to become a part of this fellowship.

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WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome those who have come into the fellowship of our Church since January 1st. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richmond and their daughters, Twyla and Devona. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stroad, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Mausteller, Mrs. Ella Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell C. Glass and Mr. Wm. Conrad.

We pray God will bless these fine families as they worship and serve together with us in this great church.

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Let us not come into the Sanctuary for the purpose of enjoying ourselves, or for listening to good music, or for hearing sermons. Let us come to worship Almighty God, our great Father; to exalt the name of Jesus Christ, our great Saviour; and to listen to the silent voice of the Holy Spirit, our great Guide.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Department Rooms and Fellowship Hall.

5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Christian Youth Fellowship—Youth Room and Chapel.

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Official Board.

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CMF Fish Fry.

Christian Women's Fellowship.

Circle Meetings — in the homes.

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7:30 P.M. Mondays & Thursdays, Jr.
H.S. Team.

4:30 P.M. Mondays, H.S. Team.

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays, Senior Team.
Church Gymnasium.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	297
Church School Attendance	269
Church School Offering	52.26
Regular Church Offering	559.56
Building Fund Offering	171.00
Special	100.00

TOTAL GIVING \$882.82



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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

The Church of our Lord has been commissioned to bring men back to God! We desire to establish here in Fort Wayne a church patterned after the Early Church of the New Testament Church we find that they began by being kind with all people, by sharing what they possessed with one another, and by loving the fellowship of the Church. The Church of today too often has lost the thrill of that blessed fellowship, we have lost their primitive joy and friendliness.

The Church today must lure men to new heights of Christian joy and friendship! Men will not be driven, they must be lured! Our children must come to Church because of the deep attraction of the fellowship they find here. Our families must desire to come to church because they find here an enriching fellowship beyond all other fellowships they might know.

The Church must love men back to God and to new heights of goodness! A wise old sage once said, "more flies are caught by sugar than by vinegar." It is a truism and it is true of the church. We can love people into the Kingdom of God when we can never drive them into its fellowship. God's method of redemption is one of love. Ours dare not be different! Let us love people, both within and without our fellowship. Invite your friends to the Church because you love them, and wish for them the joy of your salvation.

The Church can and must lead men to a deeper consecration of life. Christ was always a leader — he never tried to thrust men into the consecrated life. By His devotion to the Father's will He persuaded men to be reconciled to God! WE MUST LEAD THE WAY TO THE HEART OF GOD BY THE DEEPENING OF OUR OWN SPIRITUAL LIVES! In far too many lives joy and kindness lies frozen and forgotten. This hardness can be softened — and the same living Christ that moved a world to new heights of Christian living is ready to come forth out of our hearts, even as He came forth for the Apostles of old, if only we will permit the angel of the Lord to roll away the stone from the grave within our hearts, where meanwhile He lies buried and without power! SET HIM FREE! LET JESUS REALLY HAVE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE! God means for us to attach words to the music in our souls, to translate the score of eternal melody into marching songs of praise. He wants us to do something and to be something in the hour and power of our Christian fellowship.

Sincerely,

George Wasacovich

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "Partners In
Eternal Enterprises"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma Ave., Monday evening, February 11, at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. Donald Smith will give Devotions, Miss Mildred Hutchinson is the leader.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. John S. Craig, 4516 Smith St., Tuesday evening, February 12, at 8 P.M.

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THE STORY OF THE TITHE

The principle of the tithe runs through the Scripture like a golden thread. Some say that the tithe was a Mosaic law written into the heart of the Hebrew Faith. It was. Yet the idea antedated Moses. Did not Abraham tithe? In fact as Bishop Costen J. Harrell says: "The idea of the tithe did not originate with the Jews. It is one of the spiritual institutions of mankind, like belief in God and immortality. The valley of the Nile and of the Euphrates have been called the cradle of civilization. Long before the Old Testament was written, the Egyptians and Chaldeans who occupied these fertile valleys dedicated to their Gods a tenth of the increase of their fields. When the idea was first planted in the mind of the race is a mystery. Before the dawn of history primitive man recognized a divine power over all, the Almighty One who made the fields to bring forth their harvest and the flocks their increase; and man brought an offering in token of his dependence and gratitude. This was worship, sometimes crude, but always an acknowledgement of a sovereign Power operating in the world.

"The Tithe was commonly practiced among the ancient people — Phoenicians, Arabians, Pelasgians, Carthaginians, Chinese, Greeks and Romans. It is a thought-provoking fact that at so early a time and among nations who were not within the Hebrew tradition the idea of a dedicated tenth was already deeply rooted. Aristotle, the far-famed Greek Philosopher, refers to the tithe as being in his day an "ancient law." It is mentioned by Euenophon and Herodotus among the Greeks and by Pliny and Cicero the Romans."

THE BIBLE MENTIONS TITHING MUCH MORE OFTEN THAN BAPTISM. — and yet a lot of people who insist on the right form of Christian Baptism, ignore pointedly the Scripture on the matter of tithing. It is true that tithing Christians are dedicated Christians. Interestingly enough, people who object to tithing or raise serious questions about it are usually those who do not practice it. Thomas Kane

of Chicago advertised in the newspaper offering a reward for the names and addresses of "Unhappy tithers" — he received 10,000 replies — all were positive in declaring their joy in finding the starting place in Christian Stewardship. ARE YOU A TITHER OR A TIPPER?

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, February 10, the High School CYF will meet in the church gym at 5 P.M. for recreation. At 6 to 7 P.M. they will conduct their worship and discussion period in the Chapel. The worship will include study from Matthew 5:1-19. The topic to be discussed will be the Study of a few dating problems and a discussion on finding the **Christian Way** that our young people can solve these problems. Following the lunch, the youth will practice for the High School Choir from 7:15 to 8 P.M. Let's all come and build a big choir and have fun, fellowship together.

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BASKETBALL

Our first team was defeated by First EUB team Tuesday evening. Our second team won from St. John's E. & R. team last Saturday, 65-32. The drawing for the Play-Off game will be held this week in the Youth Lounge at St. John's E. & R. church. Our Second team has a record of 14 wins and no losses, and thus have top rating in the League. Our CYF Chairman Fred Gudakunst is top scorer in the League. Our First team has also had a fine season and have a fine record of winning. They won 8 games during the season.

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PAPER DRIVE

We suggest all our church members start now saving their old papers and magazines for the bi-annual paper drive sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship.

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NURSERY NEEDS

Graham crackers for snacks. Sheets need laundering, some each week.

Mothers are asked to volunteer to help the Nurse during the Sunday evening School of Living service. One mother each Sunday will help a lot.

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Thursday evenings at 4 P.M. beginning February 14, there will be a Recreation Hour for the Children from ages 6 to 12 in the Church Gym.

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In the final play-off game First Christian First Team will play Anthony Wayne, February 11, at 6:45 in St. John's E. & R. Gym.

SCHOOL OF LIVING

There were 204 in attendance at our school of Living January 27. Mrs. Don Eyer and her committee gave us a real treat in snacks. We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks.

195 members and friends were present at the School for Christian Living February 2. Mrs. Myron Cole and her committee did a splendid job serving refreshments.

Mrs. Earl Fusselman is chairman for February 10. Letters are in the mail to those who will assist her.

For discussion and question and answer period, Mr. Wascovich will deal with the subjects, "Faith, Repentance, Confession, Baptism". Bring your questions!

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Church Worship Attendance	312
Church School Attendance	301
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Regular Church Offering	572.17
Building Fund Offering	420.75

TOTAL GIVING \$1050.35

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Miss Susan VanFossen		
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Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	52	18.35
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	37	9.20
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
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Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
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A GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Herman W.
Sigrist for her gift of the much needed
cabinet for baptismal robes. This cabinet
was given to the Church for the men's
dressing room.

AMONG OUR SICK

Fred Smell is a patient at Parkview
hospital, room 427, for surgery.

Mrs. Scott Powers is a patient at Luth-
eran hospital, Room 263.

Mrs. Ida Mae England is still a patient
at Lutheran.

Mrs. Stanley Cole has been ill at her
home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Ashton are con-
fined to their home by illness.

RECOGNITION DAY

February 10 to 17 is National Scout
Week. February 10 is Scout Sunday and
we have set this day aside on the Church
Calendar as Recognition Day for all Scouts
and Cubs. There will be pews reserved
for them so they may sit together in the
Sanctuary. We suggest they wear their
Scout uniforms.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST

For the first Sunday of the Contest, the
Progressive Class had 37 present; the
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The contest will end on Easter Sunday
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We urge you to come! We need many
voices for our Easter music.

REMEMBER THE FISH FRY

This Friday evening from 6 to 8 P.M.
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chased at the door. Adults \$1.50; children
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Dear Friends:

I have been blessed these past few months as your minister. I have been proud of you as you showed your desire to share in the great work of our Lord. I know that with your growing enthusiasm and your deepening prayer life our work in the Lord will grow with every passing week. I am certain that all of you have felt the warmth of friendship and fellowship which so richly abounds in this congregation. In the past several weeks many of our friends have said that it was a wonderful experience just to come and worship with this congregation! I agree. I would be proud to have any friends of mine to come and worship with me, for one can feel the presence of God in our midst as we bow in worship. Pray for the Church, now, and every day! Help us to build here a Church great enough for God!

Did you know that February 17-24 was the WEEK OF COMPASSION? It is the week that churches all around the world share in helping to lift a broken and bleeding world. Did you know that for every dollar you give through this Week of Compassion offering will buy more than 100 pounds of food? Through the surplus Commodities Program of the U.S. Government, dairy products are made available free to Church World Service if they can raise the money to distribute it in the needy countries of the world. An opportunity will be given to you to help answer the command of Christ in bringing the Christian witness to bear on the prob-

lems of our world. Do you remember the words of Jesus: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat; thirsty and you gave me to drink; naked and you clothed me."? And when He was asked when and where, He answered: "AS MUCH AS YOU DO IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME!"

A baby will die of starvation and cold unless I care enough to share. An old man will die in loneliness believing that no one cares, unless I care enough to share. When I understand the heart of God, I know I MUST SHARE, FOR IF I AM IN CHRIST, THEN I MUST TRULY CARE FOR THE LEAST OF THESE, HIS BRETHREN! AND MINE!

On February 19-20 I shall be attending the State Ministers Retreat at Butler University, School of Religion. A fine program has been set up and Dr. W. E. Garrison, noted Disciple of Christ scholar, will be the guest speaker. I appreciate the privilege of getting to know the ministers of Indiana through this two day retreat.

I am beginning a series of sermons on the application of the Christian Gospel on modern day problems. Many have asked in these days of tension and stress, "How can the Church help me to live in these times?" We will seek for the answers in the next few Sunday morning messages.

SUNDAY: "RELEASE FROM LIFE'S „SNOISNEL

Sincerely,
GEORGE WASCOVICH

SANCTUARY CHOIR

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Calling all singers! Come to choir practice on Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. There is reported to be an evening of joyous singing and fellowship among all those present. The known leader, Bill Wetzel, who has in mind many plans to take all the voices and blend them into beautiful music to steal the hearts of those who listen from thoughts of themselves, to thoughts of God.

To further these activities, there is a **BABY SITTER** available to watch the children of the parents to attend the practice.

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Attention, Please! Officers of Adult Classes in the Church School. At the last meeting of the Official Board it was suggested that organized classes turn all their Sunday morning offering in to the Church School Treasury. When money is needed for other purposes offerings should be taken at the regular monthly class meetings.

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BUILDING FUND SUNDAY

The first Sunday of **Each Month** has been set aside as Building Fund Sunday in the Church and Church School. Here is an opportunity for all to have a part in this most important project—the liquidating of our Church debt. \$2,000 is our monthly minimum need. Keep these Sundays before you. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

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A. A. Hyde, a millionaire manufacturer said he began tithing when he was one hundred thousand dollars in debt. Many men have said they consider it dishonest to give God a tenth of their incomes when they were in debt. Mr. Hyde said he agreed with that thought until one day it flashed upon him that God was his first creditor. Then he began to pay God first and all the other creditors were eventually paid in full. If a man owes you money, it would be wise business policy on your part to encourage him to pay his debt to God first.

—Sunday School Times.

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PAPER DRIVE

We suggest all our church members start now saving their old papers and magazines for the bi-annual paper drive sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship.

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This church flings wide its doors like welcoming arms and invites you to come in. This is your Father's house. Why should not one feel at home and welcome in the house of his Father?

THE ROSE SERVICE

On Sunday, February 24, there will be a service for blessing the babies at the morning worship service. Parents who wish to participate in this service, with their babies, are requested to call the church office, H-6222, by 5 o'clock Monday, February 18th.

The names of the babies and their parents will be printed on the back of our Morning Worship program Sunday the 24th. Monday the 18th is the deadline. If you wish to call in your name on Saturday, call H-50094.

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ATTENDANCE CONTEST

The Come-Double class had 48 in attendance last Sunday and the Progressive 39. The Come-Double Class average is 40; the Progressive Class average is 30. The losers will give a dinner for the winners. Come! help us win!

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BASKETBALL

The first team won the first play-off game Monday evening when they defeated Anthony Wayne 62-57. They will play Union Baptist next Monday, February 18, at 8 P.M.

The second team will play Trinity English Lutheran team at 2:45 P.M. Saturday, February 16 in their first play-off session. All games to be played in the St. John's E. & B. Gym.

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The planning session, with the District Youth Supervisors, the Christian Youth Fellowship representatives of the various churches in our District and the ministers and Youth Counselors will meet in our church this coming Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. to complete plans for the Spring District Youth Meet. Our local youth will serve as hosts at the Spring Youth Meet.

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The High School C.Y.F. will meet from 5 to 6 P.M. this Sunday, in the Youth Room and Gym. From 6 to 7 P.M. they will have worship and discussion period in the Chapel. At 7:00 to 7:20 P.M. lunch. From 7:20 to 8 P.M. High School Choir practice.

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God cannot assume responsibility for our lives unless we are willing for Him to control our spending and our buying. That involves not mere tithing, setting aside one-tenth of our income for religious uses, though that is a good beginning. It involves the stewardship of ten-tenths of our income.

—Albert E. Day

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I have but one candle to burn, and would rather burn it out where people are dying in darkness, than in a land which is flooded with light.

SCHOOL OF LIVING

There were 169 present last Sunday evening. We are gratified with the fine attendance. A vote of thanks goes to Mrs. Earl Fusselman and her committee for the very tasty snack.

Mrs. Paul Clendenen is chairman for next Sunday, February 17. Letters have been mailed to her helpers.

Mr. Wascovich will continue his lecture on "Faith, Repentance, Confession and Baptism".

Interesting program — good food — come and bring your friends.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

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NURSERY NEEDS

Graham crackers for snacks. Sheets need laundering, some each week.

Mothers are asked to volunteer to help the Nurse during the Sunday evening School of Living service. One mother each Sunday will help a lot.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

February 17—Elders:

Jas. R. Shockney — Walter C. Birkhold

Deacons:

Myron Cole, Captain, H-40725

William R. Love

Ben G. Taylor

Lawrence A. Horn

J. L. Brubaker

W. Harry Imbody

Cecil A. Kinzie

Robert Rayl

Clarence Hendrickson

Ward W. Bundy

Olos G. Fox

Verlin J. Warnock

William Caldwell

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance 337

Church School Attendance 304

Church School Offering 68.68

Regular Church Offering 912.30

Building Fund Offering 284.25

TOTAL GIVING \$1265.23

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A Second CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS for High School and Adult Departments will be held March 17, 23, 31, and April 7. All who are interested in considering church membership between now and Easter ought to contact the minister, or call the church office H-6222. The Class would be held during the Church School Hour.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, February 10, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	6	
Nursery Department	18	1.18
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	23	1.92
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	33	3.31
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Lower Junior Department	17	1.45
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	22	2.67
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior giHh Department	18	2.95
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	29	2.58
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	5	3.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	48	19.62
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	39	9.60
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	23	9.55
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	9	1.10
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	9.85
Mr. David Hogg		

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Sanctuary.

(Nursery for children: Infants
and children through 5 years)

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TIAN LIVING.

Department Rooms and Fellowship
Hall.

5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Christian Youth Fel-
lowship—Youth Room and Chapel.

February 17—

Christian Men's Fellowship.
Christian Women's Fellowship.

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SENIOR BASKETBALL

Well, although we didn't win all the
games we hoped we would, we all en-
joyed the Christian fellowship, the sports-
manship, and the team spirit of our team
this season. Our 4 win, 10 loss, record
are figures only, the real satisfaction
came from playing on "Our Team". My
many thanks to the players: Jerry Elser,
Bruce Evans, Dick Norton, Dave Houghton,
Howard Hamilton, Jerry O'Brien, Bud Stef-
fens, Dale Hiler. Also we thank the Church
School, The Church and the Men's Fellow-
ship for their fine support. See you next
year!

—Don Miller

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Ellery Flaugh is a patient at S
Joseph's Hospital, Room 461.

Mr. Fred Smell is now at home, and
shall be happy to see visitors.

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When driving onto the driveway water
carefully for children dashing out of West
door. CHILDREN—watch out for cars when
leaving the Church by South doors. Church
School teachers are requested to remind
and caution the children each Sunday as
they leave.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 17 is "THIS WEEK WE SHARE"
Sunday. You will receive by mail an
envelope which is for your convenience in
making your gift. "When we give in this
Christian manner to the peoples of the
world, we help create a new unity out of
the world's great diversities."

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF will hold their meeting next
Sunday, February 17, from 6 to 7 P.M.
in Fellowship Hall. Mr. Wascovich is in
charge of the program.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF will hold their meeting Sun-
day evening from 6 to 7 P.M. in the Church
Parlor. Worship by Montgomery Circle
Program by Esther Circle, Subject: "The
Which We Have Seen". Special music by
Mr. Robert Cocherille.

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HOW MUCH SHALL WE KEEP?

A servant of God had a little girl whom
he was eager should be brought up to
serve Him. He wanted to teach her that
we should give one-tenth of our posses-
sions to God. One day he called her
into his study, where he had arranged
ten piles of money. And he said:

"You see, I have ten piles of money
here. One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six,
Seven, Eight, Nine — they belong to me
but this tenth one belongs to God." The
little girl said: "Oh, Father, are you going
to keep all the nine for yourself?"

—The King's Business



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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Number 21

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

"Some months ago I heard of a radio announcement telling of a man who had requested in his will that jazz of the hottest variety be played at his funeral, and the announcement stated that they had complied with his request.

One reason for this was that he hated organ music and he didn't want anything hypocritical about his funeral. Actually organ music would have seemed out of place at his funeral for he had absolutely no time for it in his life.

In like manner, when you die would a church service be out of place, and out of keeping with the tenor of your life? Why have a sermon preached over your corpse when you are dead if you are not interested enough to listen when you are living? The most appropriate funeral service for some would be for a bartender to come in and drink a toast to you, and sprinkle a little rum over the coffin, and bid them a hearty farewell! If man is living in one manner without thought of God or of worship, should he not be buried the same way he lived? For surely sermon and song over a dead carcass will not change one's destiny one bit — "PLEASANT DREAMS!"

—From Lynchburg Christian

I had a hearty laugh when I read the above article. I've often wondered why people who never go to church insist on having a minister to marry, or bury them. It reminds me of the time the ole negro was walking through a graveyard and

saw a tombstone which read: "I am not dead, I sleep." As he took to his heels he was heard to say, "You ain't foolin' n'body but yo' self!"

That is exactly the predicament of modern man. He feels liberated by the modern facilities of transportation and leisure time, therefore Church attendance and actual worship experiences are a rarity in his life. He tells himself that he needs recreation much more than he needs God. He convinces himself that if he pleases his family and friends and antagonizes God, life will be sweet and successful. In Mobile I often wondered where God would have to go to find some of my church members if judgment day should come. Perhaps sitting along the beaches, rowing along some favorite fishing bank, etc.

When your funeral time comes would it be appropriate to place a nice string of fish in your hands, a rod and reel in your hands, and bid you so long? Or, would a nice bucket of sand near your feet be sufficient to permit your friends to understand what is really important in your life.

Ah, so much for that idea which came home so forcefully in the Lynchburg article.

Sincerely,

George Wasanich

ADULT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The Church Membership Class for Adults and Youth will be held on March 17, 23, 31, and April 7. All youth and adults who are interested in Church membership are urged to attend this class. The Class will be taught by Mr. Wascovich, and will meet on the above Sunday mornings during the Bible School Hour, in a class room to be announced. Please remember that attendance in this class does not necessitate your joining the church. We desire to set forth the meaning of Church membership and the claims of Christ, and leave the decision to you and your Lord.

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NEW CLASS — MARCH 3rd

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES CLASS to be called The "58" Class. This class will be for young married couples whose combined ages does not exceed 58. When their combined ages exceed 58, they shall move into the Come-Double Class. Mr. Jack Weicker will be the Teacher. The Class will begin on March 3rd.

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TEACHERS AND OFFICERS MEETING

A BRIEF meeting of Officers and Teachers of the Church School is being called for Sunday morning, February 24, immediately following the close of Morning Worship, in Fellowship Hall. Please be PROMPT.

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

164 were present last Sunday evening to enjoy the programs given by the Christian Women's Fellowship and also, by the Men's Fellowship.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Paul Clendenen and her assistants who served such a fine snack to those present.

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Choir enjoyed a Coffee Hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn last week. These social activities are only a part of the pleasures shared by the choir members.

We are now working on our special music for Easter, and would gladly welcome anyone who loves to sing if they will join us. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30, with Baby Sitting service available for members with children.

—Don Miller.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School C.Y.F. will meet the Church gym from 5 to 6 P.M. Sunday. From 6 to 7 P.M. they will worship in the Chapel. From 7 to lunch in Fellowship Hall; 7:20 to 8 Choir practice.

Our worship and discussion topic next Sunday, February 24 will be "Straight Thinking". The purpose of this lesson is to help the members of the CYF group to learn how to do straight thinking. Gudakunst will be in charge of worship and the Scripture will be taken from Timothy 2:15.

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BASKETBALL

Our second team won from Tri English Lutheran team last Saturday 15. They will meet West Creighton Christian team this Friday, February 22nd 8 P.M.

Our first team was defeated by U. Baptist Monday evening 72-47.

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We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Leneth Johnston, one of our CYF mothers who so graciously donated and served delicious lunch to our 40 guests in Planning Session last Sunday. Our volunteers served as hosts to Youth representatives from Elkhart, Loud, Saturn, Kendall, Auburn, and West Creighton Christian Fort Wayne. We planned toward District Youth Meet which will be in our local Church this Spring.

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"Can I put some money in this bank?"

A fifteen year old boy in faded clothing stood before the teller's window of the bank in the little town of Barwick, Ga. His suit, badly worn, and his general appearance marked him as a tenant-farmer's son. Three layers of pasteboard thrust inside his ragged shoe kept his feet off the stone floor. "How much do you want to put in, John?" the banker asked. "Four dollars", the boy answered. "How do you want the account made out?" The man's voice was kindly, for he knew the boy as one of the regulars over at the Methodist Sunday School. "John W. Yates and Company," the youngster answered gravely. The banker peered through the grating with a quizzical look on his face. "Who's the Company?" he queried. "God," the boy replied very solemnly. "I got my first month's pay today, and I'm starting my tithe account. This is God's money."

The life story of John Yates reads like that of a Horatio Alger hero. Bookkeeper, bank teller, cashier, army quartermaster whose checks for \$10,000,000 were honored, insurance salesman, and finally general agent with a national reputation, this man has been described by two pastors of great churches as "one of the most valuable laymen in Methodism." His mother, Lillie Yates, entered into a new religious experience in a revival meeting, and out of deep poverty and struggle began to devote a tenth of all income to the Lord. Lillie Yates' old tithing account book lies in the lower drawer of her son's big walnut desk alongside of his New Testament. He has shown it to tens of thousands of people in audiences before whom he has preached the doctrine of stewardship. He says, "That book might not have the approval of a bigwig C.P.A., but I am sure our Heavenly Father calls it mighty good bookkeeping." This church and Sunday school worker says he owes it all to the fact that his mother was a tither; her devotion to that principle marked him for life.

—Herald of Light

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Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
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Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
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Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

February 24—Elders:

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Myron Cole, Captain, H-40725
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Lawrence A. Horn
J. L. Brubaker
W. Harry Imbody
Cecil A. Kinzie
Robert Rayl
Clarence Hendrickson
Ward W. Bundy
Olos G. Fox
Verlin J. Warnock
William Caldwell

YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	29
Church School Attendance	28
Church School Offering	59.8
Regular Church Offering	566.4
Building Fund Offering	137.7
Week of Compassion	127.0

TOTAL GIVING \$891.1

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Arthur S. Betz is ill at his home.
Mr. Clarence Hendrickson has been i
at home.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mr
W. H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz, Friday eve
ning, March 1, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Myrtle Strou
is assistant hostess.

THE ROSE SERVICE

This Sunday morning is our Rose Se
vice for Babies and Decision Sunday fo
our Youth of the Pastor's Class. Boys t
be Baptized should bring white T-shir
and light shorts.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS!

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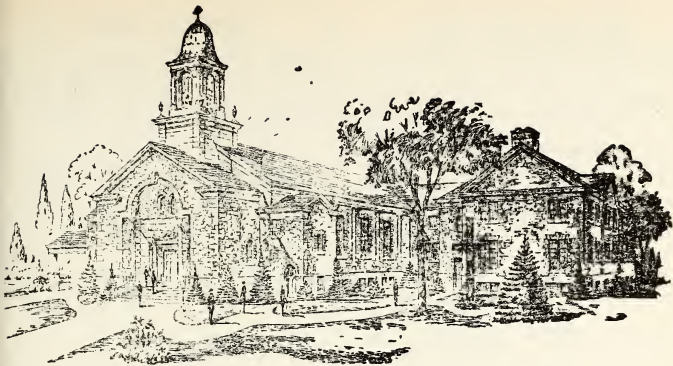
WEEK OF COMPASSION

Those who were unable to be prese
at Worship last Sunday and wish to co
tribute to the causes of "THIS WEEK W
SHARE" please drop your gift in the co
lection plate, marking it "Week of Com
passion".

A PEASANT'S TITHING

He came into the city one day afte
wheat harvest. Handing me fifty cent
he said, "This is my tithe for the evan
gelistic team. I have just sold my whee
and received \$5.00 for it." "But that mean
you have only \$4.50 to live on until you
crop of sweet potatoes is harvested."
"Yes, that is true, but you see this fift
cents is not mine. It belongs to my Heav
enly Father, and I will not rob Him o
that which is His." A week later he cam
again and dropped twenty cents on m
desk. "What is this?" I asked. "I hav
just sold my donkey for \$2, and this twent
cents is not mine but the Lord's. I wan
it to go into the country evangelist
work."

—C. R. Hills, in China's Millions



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Number 22

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

Recently I came across a moving statement of what stewardship really means. Fritz Kreisler, the great violinist, once wrote the following about the use of his talents and his money:

"I receive messages from men and women located in many quarters of the globe telling me that my music gives them happiness. If that is so, then I am happy — happy that I can bring cheer to a few at least in this sad world of ours. . . .

I never look upon the money that I earn as my own. It is public money. It belongs to the public. It is only a fund entrusted to my care for proper using. So I never spend the money I earn in high living or for my personal pleasure. How can I squander money on myself while there is so much misery, so much hunger in the world? As a matter of fact, to be perfectly healthy the human body does not need much. We just feel miserable when we cannot have the things we wish.

I am constantly trying to get along with less. I feel morally guilty in ordering a costly meal, for it deprives someone else of a slice of bread — some child, perhaps, of a bottle of milk. So many people go hungry in the world every day — yes, even in this big bountiful Americal

In all these years of my so-called success in music, we have not built a home

for ourselves. Between it and us stand the homeless in the world!"

Imagine a world famous violinist who earned fabulous sums refusing to count it as his own!

This is certainly the Christian concept of stewardship!

No cheap and easy stewardship can possibly emerge from the costly redemption of the Cross! No one can give God what he does not want nor need and consider himself a steward of God! The altar is a place where SACRIFICES are made! What have you placed on the altar of God? Is your attitude toward God the tip attitude, or the tithe attitude? The tipping attitude represents the belief that you owe God something only when services are rendered, but the tithe attitude represents the faith that you are a child of a loving Father, and as such, the Father is in your plans and programs for life!

God gave His only begotten Son —

Jesus gave His life on Calvary's Cross

—What Hast Thou given to the Lord?

Sincerely,

George Wassavich

Sermon: "What the Christian Faith Is,
And Is Not"

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

RAIN OR SHINE —

OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY

THE ROSEBUD SERVICE

Those who participated in the beautiful Rosebud Service last Sunday are: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet and son Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott and son John, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hall and son Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Heath and son James, Mrs. Harold Nordblom and daughter, Debbie Lin, Mrs. O. L. Shallenberger and daughter Tina Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Max P. Smith and children, Mark, Terri and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stone and son Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor and daughter Barbara, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Wascovich and daughter Faith, Mrs. Warren Webster and daughter Elizabeth.

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CONGRATULATIONS to three of our group who played in the State Music Contest held at Butler U. Indianapolis, last Saturday, February 23. Dwight Flowers played second in a Trombone solo and he played first on a trombone trio. Arlene Smell played second on vocal and Warren Stephenson played first on drums duet.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Avenue, Tuesday afternoon, March 5, at 1:00 o'clock. Mrs. Kenneth Dibble will give devotions.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson St., Tuesday afternoon, March 5, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. C. F. Durfee is assistant hostess. Devotions by Mrs. Paul Truby, Lesson by Mrs. Joseph Siples.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Verlin Warnock, 1530 Park Ave., Wednesday evening, March 6, at 8 P.M.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Ethel Richhart, 2714 Maumee Ave., Tuesday, March 5 at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Kattas will present the program. Mrs. E. G. Rose will give devotions.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove Ave., Tuesday afternoon, March 5, at 1:15 P.M.

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

You have heard the saying, "Anything that is good, grows and grows", well that is our Choir! Last week we had 24 people at rehearsal and we look for more people to join us at future Thursday nights. We are working on "The Holy City" for Easter and the more voices we have the better it will be.

Won't you come and join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 sharp. Remember, we have an excellent Baby Sitter to watch the children.

CHAIRS! CHAIRS!

Our custodian has reported 24 of our good metal chairs missing. Have you borrowed a few of them and forgotten to return them? If so, please return them to the church as soon as you possibly can.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF met at the church Sunday evening with 27 present. Following recreation a most inspiring worship and discussion period was conducted. Next Sunday the Youth will meet from 5 to 7:30 P.M. at the church for a fellowship hour. The topic for discussion will be "Issues Now Before Us", the first of 5 topics to be discussed on "The place of Advertising". The purpose of this discussion is to help the young people study the advantages and disadvantages of advertising as a medium which seeks to cultivate their interests and help them make choices. All High School age youth of the church are cordially invited to come and have fun and fellowship with the group. Choir practice will follow the usual snack time.

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ON THE AIR MARCH 3rd

Beginning Sunday, March 3rd, our Morning Worship Service will be broadcast on radio each Sunday during the month of March, from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Please keep this in mind and plan to be in your seats for worship promptly at 10:30.

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BASKETBALL

Our second team won the honor of being the City Champions in the Inter Church B.B. League when they defeated West Creighton team Friday, February 22, and First Presbyterian team in the finals last Saturday, February 23 by a score of 34-32. Mr. James Heavin did a wonderful job of coaching this team, assisted by Mr. Claude Crowell. Mr. Don Eyer did a splendid coach job for the first team and they too had a very fine season.

The Basketball banquet for all players, coaches, ministers and counselors will be held Friday, March 8 at 5:45 P.M. at St. John's E. & R. church. Trophies will be awarded at this time. Following the banquet the entire group will attend the Piston's Double Header game at the Coliseum.

There will be an executive meeting of all the officers and committee chairmen of the H.S. CYF March 10, 4 to 5 P.M. at the home of Dwight Flowers.

WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS!

We wish to sincerely welcome our new members since February 1st, into the fellowship of our Church:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Perkins; Mr. and Mrs. Billy O. Heath; Mrs. Jack B. Rickley; Mrs. Ronald W. Elliott and children, Dennis, Robert, and Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Powell, and daughter Charlotte Ann; Mr. and Mrs. James Cain; Richard Dobson, David Banet, Richard Lyon, John Varner, Kenneth Richard, Stephen ripe, Michael Wells, John Weicker, Louis Culbertson, David Johnston, Mary Alice Ruby, Mary Crowder, Wanda Ripple, Sharon Higgins, Vicki Lyon, Carolyn Ripple, Marolyn Cole.

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MARCH OF MEDICINE

The picture "Mongango" featuring our own Dr. John Ross, will have a repeat showing on NBC Television at 9:30 EST Tuesday, March 5. Those who saw it at the earlier showing were very much impressed. You will enjoy seeing it. Remember the date: MARCH 5, on "March of Medicine" Program.

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BUILDING FUND SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, March 3, will be our first Building Fund Sunday in a long, long time. It is hoped that every member of this great church will feel a sense of responsibility in helping to get our indebtedness out of the way.

Did you know that many of our families contribute \$5, \$9, \$12, \$13, \$15, \$20, and even more per Sunday to the causes of Christ, through the budget of our Church? Without this type of giving our Church could not meet its obligations. The greater part of our nominal membership assumes no responsibility whatsoever for the responsibilities of this great church. That is tragic indeed! I often think, and pray, about what could happen if every member gave what he could to the cause of Christ and His Church! If every member gave just \$1 per week to the church it would add to our income. If we could get the "entertainment givers" (that is those who give when they attend, but not otherwise) to give regularly (and that is certainly scriptural), all of our problems would soon be over. Will you not consider this, and after careful prayer — do something about it.

All of the money coming in through the Bible School March 3, and each 1st Sunday of each month, will go to help reduce our indebtedness. Let's all share in this venture. Envelopes will be in the pews for those who have not attended the Bible School. Everybody giving a little will mean a lot. Can Christ and the Church count on you?

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, February 24, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	8	
Nursery Department	16	1.47
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	23	1.50
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	30	2.36
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	18	1.95
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	23	2.99
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	15	2.43
Mr. Stanley Cole		
High School Department	29	3.99
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	1	1.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	50	19.14
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	39	11.77
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	21	6.80
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	8	1.25
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	7.50
Mr. David Hogg		

TOTALS 300 \$64.15

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

March 3—ELDERS:

Harold W. Crowder — Eural G. Rose

Deacons:

Homer H. Stevenson, Captain, H-0678
John F. Hechler
Don J. Eyer
A. Jefferson Young
Farlin F. Edwards
Harold K. Pritchard
Harley R. Meadows
Romane Cole
Arza Smith
Merland Heller
Melvin Evans
Geo. R. Bruckman
David T. McCrosky

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NEW CLASS — MARCH 3rd

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES CLASS to be called The "58" Class. This class will be for young married couples whose combined ages does not exceed 58. When their combined ages exceed 58, they shall move into the Come-Double Class. Mr. Jack Weicker will be the Teacher. The Class will begin on March 3rd.

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JUNIORS DARK RED CHOIR ROBES!

The Junior choir members will be needing their choir robes for Easter. We note that quite a few are missing. If you have taken yours home for cleaning, please see that it is returned to the church as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Department Rooms and Fellowship Hall.

5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Christian Youth Fellowship—Youth Room and Chapel.

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March 5—Official Board 8 P.M.

Christian Women's Fellowship Meetings
in the homes.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	382
Church School Attendance	300
Church School Offering	64.15
Regular Church Offering	598.26
Building Fund Offering	116.00
Week of Compassion	32.50
TOTAL GIVING	\$810.91



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15

Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 7, 1957

Number 23

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

What wonderful services we have been having at our wonderful Church. A spirit of happiness and friendliness pervades each of our meetings, and is the real reason our sanctuary services are being filled to capacity! Bring your friends to Bible School and the Worship Services, they will be richly rewarded.

This Sunday morning I shall preach on, "LIFE'S INDESTRUCTIBLE STARS." In this message I shall attempt to show the contrast between the fundamental experiences of man and their temporary expressions. Man's way of looking at the world, rationalizing his life, and explaining what happens to him, is always changing. Man is forever getting a new mental framework in which to arrange his experiences. But the experiences themselves go on. I shall try to make clear the amazing timelessness of the Bible as it deals with the spiritual life of man. I firmly believe that man's spiritual experiences and needs are mirrored in the Bible and met in the Gospels. You see, beloved, countless external arrangements of human life are new, as well as almost all the mental frameworks by which we apprehend and interpret experience; but underneath, in the world where most of all we live, what is new? Lust, selfishness, greed and cruelty — are these new? Are sin, remorse, pardon and reconciliation new?

Are the desires of men new for peace, brotherhood, for a kingdom of righteous-

ness, for "a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens"? I think it will help us to see our Bibles in a wonderful new way, and we will see that there are some verities which nothing can destroy.

The SCHOOL OF LIVING meeting at 6:00 to 7:00 in study session, and from 7:00 to 7:45 in refreshments and fellowship will have an outstanding guest present this week. Mr. Mark Rutherford one of the nation's outstanding Christian laymen will be the speaker for the men's group. The women will meet and Mr. Wascovich will show the colored slides taken during his trip abroad in 1953. Some of the nations shown will be England, France, Germany, Venice, Switzerland.

Every man owes it to himself, and to his friends, to bring as many of his men friends as he can to hear Mark Rutherford. Here is a man who is not a minister, yet who was chosen to go to Australia to hold evangelistic meetings on behalf of the Australian Christian Churches. It is a rare treat to hear this outstanding Christian layman!

7 EVENTFUL SUNDAYS UNTIL EASTER.

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS A
SINGLE ONE!

March is a wonderful month to prepare our hearts for the fact of Easter.

George Wascovich

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF met last Sunday at the church with 26 members present. Following the snack time the youth rehearsed the music which they will present during the morning worship next Sunday. Next Sunday, March 10, the officers and committee chairmen and Youth Counselors will attend the executive meeting at the home of Dwight Flowers, president, 334 W. Fleming, from 4 to 5 P.M. the entire youth group will meet for recreation in the church gym from 5 to 6 P.M. The Worship and Discussion period will be conducted in the Chapel from 6 to 7 P.M. The topic for discussion will be entitled "Real Brotherhood". The purpose of this discussion will be to discover what the Christian concept of man is and how this influences relationships with those of other races, nationalities, religions and occupations. Following the snack the youth will have choir rehearsal in the Music room.

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BASKETBALL

27 players and coaches from our church basketball teams and their Counselors Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical will attend the Inter-Church League banquet on Friday evening, March 8 at St. John's E. & R. Church at 5:45 P.M. Trophies will be awarded at this time. Following the dinner and program, the teams from all the churches participating in the basketball league will attend the Piston's double-header game at the Coliseum.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers this Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl given in memory of their little son, Donnie.

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The world never needed Lent as it needs it now. Life is so strenuous and our pace so rapid. "The world is too much with us." We are so apt to forget that we have immortal spirits. Lent teaches us to be still and sense the presence of God, and listen to the still, small voice. An observance of this blessed season cannot but make us better, stronger, purer, and saner, as it prepares us for life that shall endless be.

WHEN TO SEND FOR A PASTOR

1. When a loved one is seriously ill and facing death.
2. When a friend or relative continues to be despondent following the death of a loved one.
3. When you are facing a surgical operation.
4. When you are facing adjustment to a physical handicap.
5. When you are going through a long convalescence.
6. Following the birth of a baby.
7. When you desire to join the church.
8. When you have begun to worry about excessive drinking.
9. When a loved one is drinking excessively.
10. When you are choosing a life work and feel uncertain about your choice.
12. When you are choosing a life-mate and have doubts about your choice.
13. When as a parent you are concerned about either of the above decisions for your son or daughter.
14. When you are discouraged and life has lost its meaning.
15. When a loved one has become despondent for no obvious reason.
16. When the behaviour of a loved one shows marked and rapid change whether it is toward excessive misbehaviour or excessive interest in religion; both are indications of serious personality disturbance.

WHAT THE PASTOR WILL DO

WHEN CALLED

1. He will listen to your story with understanding.
2. He will help you discover an answer.
3. He will assist you to accept a situation and regain your morale.
4. He will help you to remember your basic convictions that you have forgotten under the impact of your suffering.
5. He will lift up your desires, disappointments and hopes to God through prayer.
6. He will keep your story in strictest confidence.
7. He will refer you to other specialists if he believes that you need further help. He will not lecture you nor be judgmental of you.

YOUR PASTOR IS ANXIOUS TO BE OF ANY POSSIBLE SERVICE AT ANY TIME.

From Religion & Health, Aug., 1956

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In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals step home within yourself, and be still. Wait upon God to feel His good presence; this will carry you evenly through your day's business.

—William Penn

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild has been invited as guests of the North Highlands Presbyterian Church group to hear the Rev. Paul Dotson, who was a Missionary at the Christian Youth Center, LasBanas, Philippines.

The meeting is on March 12 at 7:30 P.M.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Romane Cole, 7511 Rose Ann Lane, on Tuesday, March 12 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Velma Weibe, Missionary, will be the speaker. Following the business session there will be a "White Elephant" sale.

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COME DOUBLE PARTY

The Come-Double Class are having a party on Saturday, March 9th. The group will meet at the church at 7:45 P.M. and go from the Church to the Civic Theatre where they will see "The Corn Is Green". Seats have been reserved and members will receive them at the Church before going to the Theatre. Following the performance the group will be served refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, 450 Clermont.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Men's Fellowship will meet at the church next Sunday evening, March 10, from 6 to 7 P.M. Mr. Mark Rutherford, Ass't. Executive Secretary for the Department of Men's Work for Disciples of Christ, will be the speaker. Mr. Rutherford is a world traveler and assisted in organizing a Nation-wide Christian Men's Fellowship in Australia among the Christian Churches there. The men of West Creighton, Auburn, Decatur, Laud and Saturn Christian churches have been invited to attend.

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Mr. Wascovich will show pictures of his travels in Europe in 1953, at the School for Christian Living, from 6 to 7 P.M.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. F. Marion Coburn is confined to her home by illness.

Mr. Wm. Caldwell suffered a fractured wrist last week-end.

Mr. Arthur Betz is steadily improving, we are happy to report.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Alma Beck in the recent loss of her sister, who resided in Huntington.

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Mrs. L. A. Horn		
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Mr. John S. Craig		
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Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	31	25.09
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	20	5.85
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	8	4.00
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	11	8.00
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	304	92.41

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Deacons:

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6 to 7 P.M.

C.M.F. Mr. Mark Rutherford, Speaker.

C.W.F. Slides of Europe.

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AND STUDY

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Church School Attendance	304
Church School Offering	92.41
Regular Church Offering	730.65
Building Fund Offering	483.75
Week of Compassion	2.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$1308.81

ALL CHOIRS

Last Sunday the Junior Choir joined with the Sanctuary Choir in presenting the Anthem and the results were wonderful to hear. In the near future there will be more performances by the Junior, High School and Sanctuary Choirs. We want to build up all our Choirs under the leadership of Mr. Wetzel, director, and Mrs. Scott, organist, so we want all children, teenagers and adults who love to sing to join with us. The Junior Choir meets Sunday nights at 6 P.M. The High School Choir meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 P.M. and the Sanctuary Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 sharp. And on this night we have an excellent Babysitter for the small children. So come and join with us and share in our fellowship and music.

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Dear Friends:

How do you think of Jesus? Is He a hero lodged in a Book of the ancient past? He only an ethical teacher, an idealist, dreamer and visionary?

Is it true, as once Nietzsche once wrote, that "Christianity is the most fatal and seductive lie that has ever existed"?

I believe Jesus to be the Christ of God, revealer of God and ideal of man, one who calls out our admiration, captivates our love, centralizes our ambition, crowns our hopes, and in whose Presence God enters into human life. Christianity is the religion of the incarnation and its central affirmation is that God can come into human life. I firmly believe that all the best in man is God in man. I believe that God and man belong together, for I read, "In Him we live, and move, and have our being;" "God is love; and He that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him"; "Know ye not that ye are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" "Precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature;" Yes, Jesus teaches us that God is a living God, not far off, but here; he can come into human life and in the face of Christ we have seen the effulgence of God's glory.

In Sunday's sermon: "THE ADEQUATE CHRIST," I shall deal with Jesus and His

claims upon your life and mine. I shall deal with the concepts of Logos and Messiah, one a Greek concept of Jesus, and the other the Hebrew insight into the character of Jesus.

Strange, isn't it, that Jesus does not point out a system of truths — He claims to be the truth!

Jesus does not suggest answers to the world's problems — He claims to be the answer!

Jesus does not offer the guidance of a code or a philosophy to keep men right through the uncertainties of an unknown future — He offers His companionship — "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

H. G. Wells was right when he wrote: "The Galilean has been too great for our little hearts."

Well, Sunday we shall attempt to see Jesus. From now until then, you be thinking of Him, and together we shall quest for a fuller understanding of His life and love.

Six Sunday's until Easter. The glory of the Church lies in the lives it is able to recreate in the likeness of Jesus. Help us won't you.

Sincerely,

George Wascaich

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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There will be no choir rehearsal for this Sunday only.

During the business meeting of the CYF last Sunday the date of Saturday, March 30 was set as the date for the **paper and magazine drive**. We urge all members of the church to save all their papers and magazines as this is one of our semi-annual projects to raise money toward our C.W.F.F. Missionary pledge.

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At the banquet held last Friday evening at St. John's E. & R. church, First Christian boys who participated during the basketball season were commended very highly. We are very proud of our athletes of First Christian. There were 26 who attended the banquet. We received a beautiful trophy as regular season winners. Our Juniors won 17 games with no losses. We also received the Champion trophy as winners in the final elimination plays and our own Fred Gudakunst, our CYF worship chairman, was awarded high score trophy for having a quota of 214 points during the season.

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If we work on marble, it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, time will crumble them into dust. But if we work on immortal minds; if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity.

—Daniel Webster

The Lenten season is not a call to exotic devotion, but a call back to normal religious living. It is because we have not been living as we should that we need these periods of concentration on spiritual values.

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and stress

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace."

—John Greenleaf Whittier

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The men of the Church will meet from 6 to 7 P.M. in Fellowship Hall next Sunday evening, March 17. Robert W. Nulf, guest speaker, will present the film, "Education and Later Training", prepared by his company, "The Shakespeare Company".

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THE PERIL OF A CROSS-LESS LIFE

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 10:39.

This is one of those startling paradoxes so often spoken by Jesus. In it he exposes the fallacy of much modern thinking which assumes that the Cross is an elective course in life's curriculum, and that we are now clever enough to eliminate what we do not like in life and choose only its cross-less experiences . . . A life obsessed with saving itself from a cross will lose itself in nothingness. A life that will lose itself in the Master's cause may find a cross, but it will find also a rich and eternal significance in all that is done and will realize the truth of what the beloved disciple meant when he said, "The world passeth away but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

—Albert W. Beaven

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"To say that I don't need the Church is mere bravado. I needed it when my father died; I needed it when we were married; and when our babies were taken from us, and I shall need it again sooner or later, and need it badly. I am in good health now, and I could, I suppose, get along very nicely for a time without the aid of a clergyman, or choir, or even prayer; but what sort of a man is he who scorns and neglects and despises his best friend until his hour of tribulation?"

—Edgar A. Guest

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 The Executive Committee will meet at 5 o'clock next Sunday evening, March 17, in Fellowship Hall. The General meeting will be from 6 to 7 P.M. The Kepple Circle is in charge of the program. Mrs. Dale Hiler will review the Book, "Pearls Are Made" by Ann M. Harrison. Devotions by the McGavran Circle.

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 A. Jefferson Young
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 Harold K. Pritchard
 Harley R. Meadows
 Romane Cole
 Arza Smith
 Merland Heller
 Melvin Evans
 Geo. R. Bruckman
 David T. McCrosky

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 Abraham commenced it.
 Jacob continued it.
 Moses confirmed it.
 Malachi commanded it.
 Christ commended it.

—Selected.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, March 10, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	8	
Nursery Department	18	1.68
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	29	2.14
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	39	3.17
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	19	1.89
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	22	3.24
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	17	2.95
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	36	4.61
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	3	1.15
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	57	27.41
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	35	12.00
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
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Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
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lowship Hall.

6:00 to 7:00 Christian Women's Fel-
lowship—Church Parlor.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	380
Church School Attendance	332
Church School Offering	76.17
Regular Church Offering	756.03
Building Fund Offering	178.50
Week of Compassion	6.50

TOTAL GIVING \$1017.20

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5. He will lift up your desires, disappointments and hopes to God through prayer.
6. He will keep your story in strictest confidence.
7. He will refer you to other specialists if he believes that you need further help. He will not lecture you nor be judgmental of you.

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OF ANY POSSIBLE SERVICE AT ANY
TIME.

From Religion & Health, Aug., 1956

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Money is the stored-up energy of human toil and can be converted again into action in the work of many men. It can stretch out its arms of power around the world, and send light to the most remote and destitute.

—Sherwood Eddy



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15

Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 21, 1957

Number 25

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

"We are going to form a conspiracy to pray while our pastor is preaching. Don't shut your eyes unless you wish but keep asking God to speak through the pastor's lips, and in our hearts.

It will be an exciting experiment. Remember, you are the church, and the pastor is your servant. Each of you is just as important in making a great service as the pastor is. He can't do his best alone. Your prayer sets the spiritual atmosphere without which no sermon can be great. Together we can lift the pastor and the service to new heights. Miracles happen when a congregation makes this unanimous. It will not be unanimous unless it includes you.

If you want to help our world out of its deep trouble but you can't do it alone. The priest must be able to work through you to make the world safe, and bring lasting peace.

Praying together in this church today is one grand way in which we help Christ give us the vision and power to lift the world.

So pray inwardly every minute, and the what happens".

This letter was written by Frank Lauch, the great missionary and man of God who proved the above in his own life and labors. Let's try the prayer

approach from now through Easter and see if God's power will flow through our lives and through our services.

Sunday's Sermon will deal with, "PLAYING AT RELIGION". Remember the story Jesus told of people being like children playing at weddings and funerals, etc. Think of what would happen this very day if we stopped playing at religion. What would happen if we started to practice what we preach about the ideas back of the brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God, the unity of the church, the spiritual nature of worship? These and others will be the ideas around which we shall project Sunday's sermon.

A critic of Christianity once said, "the trouble with the church is, it preaches but does not practice." It would be tragic for a physician to talk about medicine and disease, wouldn't it? Is the Church different in this matter of preaching and practicing?

REMEMBER: Mr. and Mrs. James Heavin and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Powell will be in Chi Rho Sunday evening as the permanent sponsors. All youth 12-14 are urged to attend at 6:00 P.M.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS—
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Associate Deacons serving March 24:

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Carl Thomas
John Varner
Richard Baker
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In advance registrants are being asked to read a booklet, "Woman's Place in the Total Church," by Sam Pugh. This book will be sent to all who register.

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MEN! — MEN! — MEN!

"YOU ARE IN OUR CLASS!" if you meet with us at 9:30 A.M. in the Chapel each Sunday. You will enjoy the discussion on "The Life of Christ" led by David

Hogg. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

27 High School Youth and their Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical served as hosts last Sunday evening for the School of Living. The girls baked the cookies and the boys proved their skill in serving, and washing dishes. We also wish to express our great appreciation to Mrs. Henry Flowers and Mrs. Paul Whittle who helped so faithfully in preparing the food.

Next Sunday evening, March 24, the youth will meet in the Gym at 5 P.M. for recreation. At 6 P.M. they will meet in the Chapel for their worship hour. The topic for discussion will be "An Important Decision". The purpose of this discussion is to help the young people study the influence alcohol exerts on the individual on his family, and on Society in general. This should prove to be a most interesting topic. At 7 P.M. the youth will join in the snack period in Fellowship Hall. Choir rehearsal will be held in the music room after the snack.

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Last Sunday evening, March 18, Marilyn Stagers and Merle Rice, from our High School group, represented the youth of the First Presbyterian Church in the U.C.Y.F. Plans were made toward the Good Friday services to be held by the youth for the youth of the city at St. John's E. & W. Church. Our local group will provide the ushers for the service this year. Merle Rice will be one of the speakers during the service.

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Next Friday evening, March 22, Robert Young and David St. John will represent the youth at a Fellowship banquet at the Union Baptist Church. All our church members will participate in an all-out effort to be the host church for a Youth Group from their Church.

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On Sunday, March 24, our youth president, Dwight Flowers, and the C.Y.F. secretary, Susan Van Fossen, who is also the District Youth Secretary-Treasurer, will accompany the CYF Counselors to a Youth meeting, at Elkhart, with the District Youth Supervisor to complete final plans for the District Youth Meet to be held in our local Church, May 5th.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Harry Ashe is a patient in Room 488 Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Beauford Tharp is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Clay Orchard is in Room 426, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Glenn Butler is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

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STORK NEWS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clendenen of Linton, Ind. on February 24th. The parents are non-resident members of this church. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen are the proud grandparents.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson in the recent loss of Mr. Carson's father. The elder Mr. Carson was a member of the church at Angola.

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PRE-REGISTRATIONS — STATE

CONVENTION

The 118th Convention of the Indiana Christian Churches will be held at Third Christian Church, Indianapolis, May 16 to 19. The registration goal is 6500! Our goal has been set at 200 registrations. We urge our members to register NOW!

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Choir Rehearsals

Sundays:

Junior Choir — 6 P.M.

High School Choir — 7:30 P.M.

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Sanctuary Choir is working on their Easter Season music and shall welcome any one who would like to sing with them. We are in need particularly, of men's voices. Why not join us? Thursday evenings at 7:30 P.M.



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Dear Friends:

"THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER" as a love offering to Christ as a testimony of our devotion to the Kingdom of God, as over against the "thirty pieces of silver" Judas received for his betrayal of Jesus.

By Sunday, March 31, each of us should have 25 pieces of silver in our small plastic bags. These offering bags will be brought in Easter Sunday morning and dedicated as a love offering of grateful Christians. Keep yours up to date! A coin and a prayer every day until Easter!

We were delighted to have seven fine Christians enlarge our church fellowship this past Sunday morning. The prayer of the church is that each of these fine new members will find a happy and deepening spiritual life within the fellowship of our great church. To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Luddleston and daughter, Arlene; Mr. and Mrs. James Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schell, we say, "Welcome." This makes 77 new members which have been added since our new Church year began on July 1, 1956.

The other day a man said I firmly believe in WEEKLY GIVING, and then said but then I guess every church member gives weekly, doesn't he?"

Well, you see the words sound exactly the same, and so I said, "Yes, that is a

part of our world's problem, those who claim membership in the body of Christ, and who give WEAKLY!"

Well my friend looked kind of puzzled and said, "But I thought all ministers were happy with WEEKLY giving?"

And I replied, "Yes, of course we are, when they give WEEKLY and not WEAKLY!"

He sighed, smiled, and went away with a sort of puzzled look still on his face. I couldn't figure out why. Can you?

Sunday's sermon: "SINCE JESUS REVEALS GOD", will attempt to follow through with man's response to Jesus, since Jesus reveals the mind and will of God.

Don't forget: Wednesday evening is Calling Night! Wednesday, the 20th, there were 18 men who went out in the name of Christ to call on prospective members. The results of the calls and prayers of these men is seen each Sunday morning.

Bring a friend along to Church and Bible School Sunday.

Sincerely,

George Wascaich

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Friday evening, April 5, at 7:30 P.M.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Eural G. Rose, 4001 Arlington Ave., Tuesday evening, April 2, at 7:45. Devotions by Mrs. Alma Beck, Program by Mrs. Gerald Elser.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 E. Columbia St. Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at 1:30. Devotions by Mrs. E.T. Fusselman, Program by Mrs. David Hogg. Mrs. Maude Thurman is co-hostess.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Olos Fox, 4706 Wayne Trace, Wednesday evening, April 3, at 8 o'clock. Devotions by Mrs. Ernest Pond, Program by Mrs. Phillip Uhl. Members are asked to bring their Love Gift Boxes.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater on Tuesday afternoon April 2, at 1:00 o'clock.

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SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

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AMONG OUR SICK

Little Miss Lucile Hefley underwent surgery at Lutheran Hospital this week. She is in Room 430.

Mrs. Ward W. Bundy is a surgical patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 486.

Miss Patricia Overby is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, 6th floor.

Mrs. Dessie Stauffer underwent surgery this week at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 675.

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STORK NEWS

Nancy Lynn is the new little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Butler, born March 18. Congratulations, dear friends.

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ALL CHOIRS

As we draw near to Easter, there is more concentration on the Cantata, "The Holy City". All three choirs are combining but more voices are needed. Practice times are listed in the Tidings.

We met at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott for our last social hour and had a very enjoyable evening. These social hours are only a part of the fellowship the choir members enjoy.

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We are very proud of our CYF President Dwight Flowers, who this past week was awarded a four year scholarship to the University of Michigan. The standards for eligibility for this scholarship are exceptionally high and we are indeed most fortunate to have had such a fine representative from our youth to be selected for this high honor.

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Recently our CYF Champion Basketball Team was challenged to play the Pilgrim Congregational Christian Church Champion team of Toledo, Ohio. The game was played last Saturday, March 23, at 1:30 P.M. in St. John's E. & R. Gym. We are very happy to report that our Champion team defeated the Toledo Champions 60-22, which gave First Christian a record of 18 wins and no losses.

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REMINDER! 1

Building Fund Sunday — April 7 — throughout Church School and Church.

ON THE AIR DURING MARCH

Each Sunday morning during March, our Morning Worship Service will be broadcast over Radio Station WGL from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Be in your seats or Worship promptly at 10:30.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

March 31—ELDERS:

B. W. Leversee — Hugh D. Rice

Deacons:

Homer H. Stevenson, Captain, H-0678

John F. Hechler

Don J. Eyer

A. Jefferson Young

Farlin F. Edwards

Harold K. Pritchard

Harley R. Meadows

Romane Cole

Arza Smith

Merland Heller

Melvin Evans

Geo. R. Bruckman

David T. McCrosky

Associate Deacons serving March 31:

Neil Allen

Laurence Coleman

Solon Merriman

Carl Thomas

John Varner

Richard Baker

Wendell Glass

Billy Heath

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VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSERY

The Nursery Committee, Mrs. John Craig, Chairman, K-1229, are asking for one volunteer helper for each Sunday morning church service and each Sunday evening meeting from 6 to 8 P.M. from March 24 through June. The regular attendant will be there but she needs a helper. Will YOU help one Sunday morning or evening?

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, March 24, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	6	
Nursery Department	21	1.84
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhousen		
Kindergarten	23	2.00
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Priary Department	31	3.46
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	14	1.30
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	21	2.01
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	17	2.15
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	29	3.56
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	1	
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	45	22.25
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	36	12.36
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	24	4.80
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	10	2.30
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	15	8.00
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	299	66.03

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	333
Church School Attendance	296
Church School Offering	66.03
Regular Church Offering	596.82
Building Fund Offering	333.00
TOTAL GIVING \$	995.85

WHEN TO SEND FOR A PASTOR

1. When a loved one is seriously ill and facing death.
2. When a friend or relative continues to be despondent following the death of a loved one.
3. When you are facing a surgical operation.
4. When you are facing adjustment to a physical handicap.
5. When you are going through a long convalescence.
6. Following the birth of a baby.
7. When you desire to join the church.
8. When you have begun to worry about excessive drinking.
9. When a loved one is drinking excessively.
10. When you are choosing a life work and feel uncertain about your choice.
12. When you are choosing a life-mate and have doubts about your choice.
13. When as a parent you are concerned about either of the above decisions for your son or daughter.
14. When you are discouraged and life has lost its meaning.
15. When a loved one has become despondent for no obvious reason.
16. When the behaviour of a loved one shows marked and rapid change, whether it is toward excessive misbehaviour or excessive interest in religion; both are indications of serious personality disturbance.

WHAT THE PASTOR WILL DO

WHEN CALLED

1. He will listen to your story with understanding.
2. He will help you discover an answer.
3. He will assist you to accept a situation and regain your morale.
4. He will help you to remember your basic convictions that you have forgotten under the impact of your suffering.
5. He will lift up your desires, disappointments and hopes to God through prayer.
6. He will keep your story in strictest confidence.
7. He will refer you to other specialists if he believes that you need further help. He will not lecture you nor be judgmental of you.

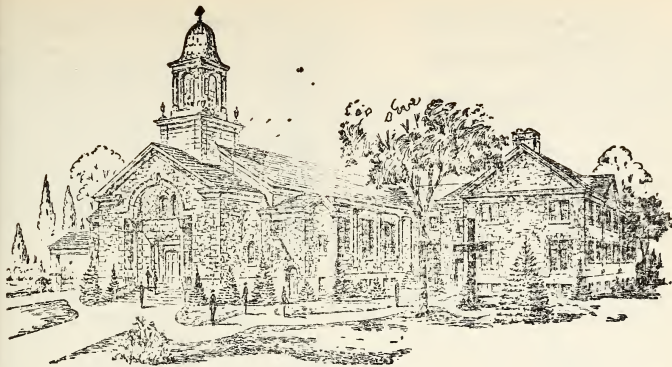
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From Religion & Health, Aug., 1956

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Dear Friends:

Do any of you remember what day this coming Sunday, April 7th, will be in the life of our great church? Well, being the first Sunday of the month, it is BUILDING FUND SUNDAY! We still have a long way to go in getting rid of our debt on our wonderful building. With a little help from a lot of people we can accomplish great things. Whatever your gift will be it will be deeply appreciated. All of the offerings taken up through the Bible School will be BUILDING FUND money. So take out the old "stocking" and bring along a gift on the Building Fund.

You did remember, didn't you? You see it takes \$2,625 per month to take care of our Building Fund commitments. It is clear to all of us that every gift both large and small is needed. The first Sunday in every month will be BUILDING FUND SUNDAY until we have removed our Building indebtedness.

Have you taken a look into your "love offering" this morning? If we are to make a real impression by our love offering as over against Judas' betrayal offering—it means that each one of our members will have to keep pace with the passing of the days. A coin of silver each day of Lent.

I have seen many articles on, "What my Church means to me," but I have seen very few articles on the subject, "What I mean to my Church."

Isn't it strange that many of us think of the church only in relationship of what we get out of the church, and far too little of what we can put into the Church? I was thinking today of what God and Christ put into the Church—the highest and best that the mind of man is capable of conceiving. Paul, you remember said, "Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it." Oh, beloved, more and more, we must love the Church and give ourselves for it! Nothing must drive a wedge between the Church which was conceived in the mind of God, and established by the life and death of Jesus. No shoddy commitments will do! No claptrap loyalties will serve the purposes of God! Each in his own way must serve the cause of the Kingdom of God, but only the very best of effort will do!

Attend Church every Lord's Day morning. Seek God's guidance in your life and plans. You will be better for it.

Sunday's sermon: "DESIGNING THE STRUCTURE OF TOMORROW".

If every Christian gave YOUR measure of devotion to God, what kind of a world would you live in? What kind of a world are you helping to build?

See you in Church.

Sincerely,

George Wassavich

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DEACONS: April

Phillip E. Uhl, Captain, H-28191

Donald C. Smith

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG

The following news item appeared in the Nashville Banner, June 19, 1956: Porter, Okla.—(AP) Mrs. Lila Craig, 81, has missed Sunday School attendance in 1,040 Sundays—a perfect record for 2 years.

1. Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday to keep her away from Church services?

2. Doesn't she ever go anywhere on Saturday night, and get up tired on Sunday morning?

3. Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, tired feelings, poor breakfasts, sudden calls out of the city, business trips, Sunday picnics, or any other trouble?

4. Doesn't she have any friends at all—friends who invite her to a week-end trip to the seashore or mountain?

5. Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday morning?

6. Doesn't it ever rain or snow in Porter on a Sunday morning?

7. Doesn't she ever read the Sunday paper?

8. Doesn't she ever get her feeling hurt by somebody at church?

9. Doesn't she ever get mad at the preacher or Sunday School teacher?

10. Doesn't she have a radio or television so that she can listen to some mighty good sermons from out of town?

—East Tulsa Tidings

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Disciples O.K. \$17,569,938 for Church Projects. This budget was approved for the 1957-58 co-operative causes of the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church. Commissions of the denomination approved the budget, which is an increase of over \$5,500,000 over last year's total. Increased demands by Disciple higher education institutions accounted for the difference. The total includes \$12,719,100 for missions, education and benevolence and \$4,850,832 for special projects on church and educational building construction.

EASTER GOALS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

Class	Attendance	Offering
Men's Bible Class	20	\$75.00
Ladies Bible Class	20	30.00
Friendly Class	25	35.00
Progressive Class	55	100.00
Come Double Class	65	100.00
LaKoda	5	10.00
High School Class	40	15.00
Junior High School	35	13.00
Upper Juniors	30	11.00
Lower Juniors	35	12.00
Primary Department	50	10.00
Kindergarten	40	10.00
Nursery Department	30	5.00

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for this Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical honoring Ann's birthday.

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MY MONEY CREED

1. To spend my income rightly, is one of my first tasks as a Christian. Until I settle this, my prayers and confessions will be like saying, "Lord, Lord," and not doing the will of my Father.

2. I should set aside a definite proportion of my income for the church and the service of others. I do this in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over all my material possessions. I do this because it is businesslike. Giving on impulse and without system does not accord with the importance of this work.

3. The proportion to be set aside for these purposes should not be less than one-tenth of my income. The Old Testament enjoined the tithe in ancient Israel, and surely I am receiving far more from God than did the men of any former generation. Nevertheless, one-tenth is not to be the limit of my giving . . . I should begin with not less than one-tenth. I ought to give more, if I am able.

—Harris Franklin Rall

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Each person needs something to live for apart from himself and his own work. Nothing short of participation in the sublime undertaking of the evangelization of the world is adequate to emancipate us from selfishness, and to call out the best energies of mind and heart.

—John R. Mott

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Mrs. L. A. Horn		
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Mrs. Garland Morroll		
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Mr. Myron Cole		
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Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	1	0.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	42	25.38
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	34	9.10
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
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Church School Attendance	290
Church School Offering	65.00
Regular Church Offering	565.72
Building Fund Offering	186.50
TOTAL GIVING	\$817.22

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Note: Love Gift offerings should be
brought in during April.

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The Kepple Circle will meet with Mr.
Rolland Ripple on Tuesday, April 9, at
1:15 P.M. Program by Mrs. W. H. Imbody.
Devotions by Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with
Mrs. T. R. Eiler, 936 Lake, Monday, April
8, at 8 P.M. Leader, Miss Ethel Shroyer.
Devotions, Miss Verna Sullivan. Love gift
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PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a
carry-in supper and class meeting on Fri-
day evening, April 5, at 6:30 P.M. in
Fellowship Hall.

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ALL CHOIRS

Our Cantata, "The Holy City" which is
to be presented April 14th, is shaping up
nicely. We could still use more voices.
All three choirs are rehearsing regularly
each week. Anyone from Grade School
up are cordially invited to come and sing
with us. A baby sitter is available on
Thursday evenings. Sanctuary choir re-
hearses on Thursday at 7:30 o'clock. Come
and join with us.

—Don Miller.

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SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

The interest shown and the fellowship
enjoyed at these Sunday evening pro-
grams has been very fine. The attendance
has been gratifying.

Next Sunday evening the film, "God of
Creation" will be shown during the study
hour. This is a remarkable film and you
should see it.

April 28 will close the season for this
school. Let's keep up our attendance
during this month.

April 14—Snack time at 6 o'clock, The
Cantata, "The Holy City" at 7:30 P.M.

April 21, Easter—No evening service.



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Have you wished you might have a fine little magazine that dealt with the problems of Religion and Health? Well a splendid magazine called, "RELIGION AND HEALTH" is published by Dr. Russell M. M. of Duke University. It attempts to deal with the problems of mental health, the relation of faith to good health, the problems of fatigue and of the alcoholic, etc. The church has made arrangements to receive 10 copies of this magazine each month, and will make them available to all the members of the Church. If you would like to read a copy please get in touch with the church office. If you would like to have a copy for your personal use, the price will be just 25c. The booklet is written by ministers, doctors, and psychiatrists. Several of the articles this month are:

"The Weight of Fatigue."
 "Profile of the Alcoholic."
 "Energy and Courage."
 "Casting off the Husk, A Psalm of Health."
 "Don't Expect Other People To Be Perfect."

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

There will be two morning worship services on Palm Sunday and on Easter morning. The schedule will be:

8:00-9:10 A.M. Morning Worship.

9:30-10:20 A.M. BIBLE SCHOOL.

10:30-11:40 A.M. REGULAR WORSHIP.

Palm Sunday night we will have one of the church year's outstanding programs. The choirs will present, "THE HOLY CITY," by A. R. Gaul. Mr. William Wetzel, the choir director, believes the choirs and the soloists will do a very outstanding job. The program will be as follows:

6:00-7:00 P.M. SNACK TIME.

7:30-8:30 P.M. "THE HOLY CITY".

Remember, only you can make this church truly great. We are counting on every one of you. See you Sunday, in Church.

Sunday's Sermon: "RIDE ON, O KING, RIDE ON".

Sincerely,

George Wascauwich

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First Service: David Griggs,
Walter Birkhold

Second Service: Dr. A. C. Worley,
John S. Craig

DEACONS: April

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Mrs. Harold Crowder

— CONVENTION HOUSING — COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. William R. Love, Housing Chairman, for the Convention to be held by the Council of Church Women in Fort Wayne, April 30, May 1st, is soliciting overnight lodging with breakfast, for visiting delegates. This, for the most part, will be for Tuesday night, with a few needing lodging for two nights. Please call Mrs. Love, H-1615, if you will take one or two women in your home as guests during this Convention.

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MEN! — MEN! — MEN!

"YOU ARE IN OUR CLASS!" if you meet with us at 9:30 A.M. in the Chapel each Sunday. You will enjoy the discussions on "The Life of Christ" led by David Hogg. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

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PROGRAM In Brief

Headquarters—The First Presbyterian Church.

Monday, April 23—

7:00 P.M. Meeting of Executive Committee.

Tuesday, April 30—

9:30 A.M. Registration begins.

10:30 A.M. Meeting of Board of Managers

12:00 Noon Welcoming Luncheon — Wayne Street Methodist Church. All delegates, guests and local women.

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Wednesday—May 1st—

9:00 A.M. Convention Session.

12:00-2:15 P.M. Three Special Luncheons —Department Chairmen presiding.

2:30-3:30 P.M. Assembly at First Presbyterian Church.

Closing of Convention.

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SPRING INSTITUTE

Christian Women's Fellowship
District ONE

Thursday, May 2nd, 1957
at

First Christian Church, Fort Wayne
9:00 A.M. — 3:20 P.M.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEET

District ONE

Sunday, May 5th, 1957
at

First Christian Church, Fort Wayne.

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The Lenten season calls for a consecration of both life and possessions to Christ and His glorious Church. The measure of blessing we received from an observance of Lent will depend upon our response to its appeal.

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The Paper drive for CYF to have been held on Saturday, March 30, has been postponed for a few weeks due to circumstances beyond our control. A tentative date for the drive of April 27th, is being considered.

EASTER GOALS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

Class	Attendance	Offering
Men's Bible Class	20	\$75.00
Ladies Bible Class	20	30.00
Friendly Class	25	35.00
Progressive Class	55	100.00
Come Double Class	65	100.00
Lakoda	5	10.00
High School Class	40	15.00
Junior High School	35	13.00
Upper Juniors	30	11.00
Lower Juniors	35	12.00
Primary Department	50	10.00
Kindergarten	40	10.00
Nursery Department	30	5.00

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Approximately 48 High School and Junior High youth accompanied by their respective Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical and Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. James Heavin, held a most enjoyable meeting with the youth of West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, last Sunday evening. Following the dinner hour the youth retired to the Sanctuary and participated in the worship period. The Wesleyan Players of Wayne Street Methodist Church presented a very inspiring pageant entitled, "Out of the Dark". This is their third current season and they expect to appear in Nine different churches with this playlet during the Easter Season.

Next Sunday evening, due to the High School youth participating in the Palm Sunday Oratorio, there will be no C.Y.F. hour.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 21, the High School youth will commemorate the occasion with an Easter Sunrise Breakfast at 7:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Following the Breakfast the youth will attend the 8 o'clock Worship service in the Sanctuary. They will attend their regular Sunday morning class session in the Youth Room at 9:30 A.M. There will be no C.Y.F. meeting on Easter Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crowell, parents of the C.Y.F. president and treasurer respectively, are in charge of serving the Easter Breakfast, assisted by a committee of C.Y.F. Parents.

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EASTER LILIES

Are you ordering Easter Lilies for your home? If so, why not have them delivered to the Church on Saturday, to grace the Chancel on Easter Morn. Of course, you may remove them following the services.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, April 7, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	7	
Nursery Department	18	2.22
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhousen		
Kindergarten	22	1.67
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	27	2.45
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	11	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	18	3.30
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	14	1.70
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	26	3.28
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	1	1.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	47	34.35
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	37	36.55
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	25	40.00
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	10	25.00
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	15	106.75
Mr. David Hogg		

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Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

Early Service—8:00 A.M.

Communion and Worship—Sanctuary.
9:30 A.M. Church School for all ages,
Education Building and Fellowship Hall.

Second Service—10:30 A.M.

Communion and Worship—Sanctuary.
(Nursery for children: Infants and children through 5 years).
6:00 P.M. Snack Time—Fellowship Hall.
7:30 P.M. Oratorio—"The Holy City"
Gaul — All Choirs.

Tuesday, April 16—

6:30 C.W.F. Sacrificial Service.

Thursday—April 18—Maundy Thursday

7:30 P.M. Candlelight Communion.

Good Friday—April 19—

12 Noon to 3:00 P.M. (3 Hour Service).

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Choir Rehearsals

Sundays:

Junior Choir — 6 P.M.
High School Choir — 7:30 P.M.

Thursdays:

Sanctuary Choir — 7:30 P.M.
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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	331
Church School Attendance	287
Regular Church Offering	684.58
Building Fund Offering	1090.67
TOTAL GIVING	\$1775.25

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Flora Virts is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.W.F. will have their annual Sacrificial Service, Tuesday evening, April 16, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. The Theme: "The Upper Room". This is a portrayal of the Last Supper of our Lord, with his Disciples. A most inspiring service. You will not want to miss it.

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The Montgomery Circle will meet in the Church Parlor, Tuesday, April 16 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Gordon Welker and Mrs. George Duncan are co-hostesses. Mrs. George Bruckman will present the program. Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.

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PALM SUNDAY

The Christian's enthusiasm should be so great as to attract attention and move the world and lead people to inquire concerning the Saviour, "Who Is This?"

We need no leaping, running, branch-breaking, cloak-throwing, shouting multitudes, but men and women who day by day will follow calmly, steadily the line of the life that Christ lived.

—Doran's Manual.

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Dear to the heart of the Christian world is the story of Christ's one day of triumph. The Church rejoices because even for one brief day he was hailed on earth as King.

The triumphal procession of Christ is still going on, across continents and centuries; and it will continue, growing brighter, larger, more enthusiastic, till he enters the new Jerusalem as "King of kings and Lord of lords."

The lesson of the triumphal entry will fail of its purpose if it leaves unsaid and unwritten the fact of his glory being proclaimed today in hearts and lives made better, sweeter, by his words of power; and we proclaim him King when we offer for his use time, talents, wealth, character, and, in fact, all we have and are.

"Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!"



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15 Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 18, 1957 Number 29

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

What a wonderful day we had at the First Christian Church this past Sunday! We had two fine worship services in the morning, a splendid period of fellowship the snack hour, and then an inspirational evening of singing by our Choir. Mr. Wetzel, and all of the members of the choir are to be congratulated. What a sad day it was for our great Church; and if you are interested, the offering was excellent, coming close to \$1200.

AND NOW ITS TIME FOR EASTER! The youth will meet for an Easter breakfast 7:00 A.M. and will provide the choir for the 8:00 A.M. worship service. The bible school hour will follow and then our regular morning worship service at 9:30 A.M.

The Easter schedule of services:

- 7 A.M. CYF Breakfast.
- 8 A.M. Early Worship Service.
- 9:30 A.M. Bible School.
- 10:30 A.M. Regular Worship Hour.

The sermon this coming Sunday morning will be, "YOU WILL SURVIVE DEATH". I shall present the Christian attitude toward death, and some of the reasons I truly believe in life everlasting.

"THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER"—price of betrayal, or grateful love. Judas betrayed our Lord for 30 pieces of silver, but we shall bring our plastic bags with 30 pieces of silver as a gift of grateful love for the promises of God which Jesus brought to man. We shall place them in a prominent place in our sanctuary as a reminder to man of his need for a saviour.

Will this Easter be the greatest day our congregation has ever known in the area of attendance? Well it is up to YOU! You make the figures, we only print them! Now is the time to invite your friends and neighbors to come out on Easter and worship in our Lord's House. Don't any of you drive up in half empty automobiles, fill them up with neighbors, friends, and relatives — and let's make our sanctuary walls bulge with Christians who have come to worship the Risen Lord!

THERE WILL NOT BE AN EVENING SERVICE OF ANY SORT ON EASTER NIGHT. The CYF, the Chi Rho, and the School of Living, will **NOT** meet Easter night. The School of Living will end on Sunday night, April 28th. It will be resumed in the fall.

See you, your families, and your friends in Church.

Sincerely,

George Wascowich

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Easter Sunday, Elders:

First Service: Hugh Rice, Floyd Morrical

Second Service: Eural Rose,

B. W. Leversee

DEACONS: April

Phillip E. Uhl, Captain, H-28191

Donald C. Smith

Leon Johns

Robert Hendricks

Earl Fusselman

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By the crowning miracle of the Resurrection unmistakable evidence is given to the world that the words and works of Jesus Christ are not the mere wisdom of some human sage, nor the sayings of a great philosopher, nor the dreams of an inspired poet, but the words and works of God.

—E. P. Dempsey

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Jesus has taken away the loathsome aspect of the grave, and made it a covered passageway, a sort of triumphal arch through which Christians pass into the realm of light and glory just beyond.

"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." Ring it out, Easter bells! Peal it forth, glad anthems of the church! Let the flowers tell in symbolic beauty their message that life has conquered death. Let the church join in the great affirmation of her faith, "I believe in . . . the resurrection, and life everlasting."

—W. H. J.

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A Moslem once boasted to a Christian: "When Moslems go to Mecca, they find here at least a coffin, but when Christians go to Jerusalem, they find only an empty grave."

"That is just the difference," replied the Christian. "Mohammed is dead; but Jesus Christ is not in the tomb. He is risen, He is alive forevermore."

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The High School C.Y.F. will hold their traditional Easter Sunrise Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 A.M. Following the breakfast and program the Youth will attend the 8 o'clock Worship service in the Church Sanctuary. At 9:30 they will attend the Class session in the Youth Room. Miss Marilyn Stigers is in charge of decorations or the Breakfast. Miss Arlene Smell and Miss Arlene Huddleston will furnish special music with Miss Alice Richard at the piano.

For this Sunday ONLY there will be no Evening C.Y.F. hour.

The Youth of the U.C.Y.M. will conduct their service on Good Friday, April 19, from 2 to 3 P.M. at the St. John's E. & R. Church. A most inspiring program has been planned by the Youth. Merle Rice will participate in the worship service. 15 of our boys will serve as ushers: Larry Carson, John Young, Dwight Flowers, Fred Gudakunst, Phillip Carson, Michael Young, Jim Heavin, Daryl Stigers, Robin Miller, Fred Van Fossen, Robert Young, Jon Heavin, Allan Flowers, Warren Stevenson, and David St. John. We urge all youth to attend this service.

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Through the message of Easter we have an endless hope instead of a hopeless end.

Easter stands for life—here and hereafter. God's plans for His children all fit into the fact of their immortality.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

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	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	5	
Nursery Department	21	2.37
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Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	26	1.82
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	36	4.05
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
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Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	24	2.44
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	22	2.88
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	17	2.85
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	35	4.48
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	1	
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	47	26.09
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	55	21.77
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	21	6.47
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	402
Church School Attendance	338
Church School Offering	85.47
Regular Church Offering	859.67
Building Fund Offering	225.25
TOTAL GIVING	\$1170.39

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — CHI RHO

The CYF and Chi Rho Youth groups
will not have their regular services on
next Sunday evening.

They will meet as usual on April 28,
rom 5 to 7 P.M.

EASTER LILIES

Are you ordering Easter Lilies for your
home? If so, why not have them delivered
to the Church on Saturday, to grace the
Chancel on Easter Morn. Of course, you
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ALL CHOIRS

Now that the Oratorio, "The Holy City"
has been given, we wish to thank all
those who gave of their time and talent
to make it possible. Our thanks to Bill
Wetzel or his superb directing; to Mrs.
Scott for the fine organ background; to
the Sanctuary Choir and it's wonderful
individual soloists; the High school Choir
with their fresh young voices.

The combined choirs appreciated the
members and friends who attended the
concert.

It was hard work, it was tiring, but it
was fun. Don't forget our Easter Services.
Come, and sing with us.

—Don Miller

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Y-CHURCH SOFTBALL

Plans are being made for the forth-
coming Softball Season in the Y.M.C.A.
Church League. All boys of High School
age and older are eligible. There is one
major requirement to play—each player
must attend either Church School or
Church Services, or C.Y.F. two Sundays
out of each month. Any fellows interested
in playing, there is a list on the bulletin
board in the High School Room. Watch
the Board or Tidings for further announce-
ments!

—Don Miller

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AMONG OUR SICK

We are happy to report that many of
our sick are recovering. Mr. Bueford Tharp
is at home; Mr. Arthur Betz is making
gradual recovery. Mrs. Scott Powers is
getting better and hopes to be out soon.
We were happy to see Mrs. Bundy in
the services last Sunday. Mrs. Virts and
Mrs. Pifer are still patients in Lutheran
Hospital. Mrs. Edith Darby and Mr. and
Mrs. John Berlien are still confined to
their home.

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LOST AND FOUND

Miss Arlene Smell left her glasses in the
music room last Sunday evening and
someone evidently picked them up by
mistake. Please return them to the church
or to Miss Smell. Thank you.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15

Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 25, 1957

Number 30

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

What a thrilling day we shared in the life of First Christian Church on Easter Sunday! Nearly 700 people came to worship our risen Lord, and gave over \$2,000 to the causes of the Kingdom of God. Isn't it tragic that every Sunday isn't another Easter? What an impact the Church could make on our indifferent world if Christ were Lord of life every day as He is on Easter Day!

The Church was filled with eager, happy Christians, and the choir again was unusually good, and the soloists: Arlene Mell and Bob Cocherille did an outstanding job — in fact even in our missionary offering we did a very fine job, giving a total of \$843.83. The love offering of thirty pieces of silver, as over against the 30 pieces of silver for which Judas betrayed our Lord, came to \$843.83. It was a fine gesture on the part of so many loyal Christians.

And now what . . . ? Now that Easter is over will our enthusiasm for Christ and His cause wane, until at least another special day? I must agree that even though the foes opposing our attendance at church are not lions dens, burning stakes, crosses, prisons, or the like, as the early Church faced — we do have new automobiles to try out, lakes to fish, friends to visit, places to go, etc! And what formidable foes the Christian of today must excel. Of course, God will understand that our hearts are right, even though our

bodies and enthusiasm are in the wrong place on the Lord's Day, won't He? Why if Jesus lived in our hectic world, He too would play golf on the LORD'S Day, or go fishing, or swimming — since it would take the Lord's Day to calm His nerves after rushing through a busy week, wouldn't He? Or would He?

Well, enough of that, and I'd like to tell you about Sunday's sermon: "GOD'S HALF-WITTED BROTHER". Did you know how all the trouble in the world gets started? Why it's a known fact that God's half-witted brother causes all the trouble and grief in the world. At least that is what the African tribes believe! Personally, I'm not so sure, I'd rather place the blame on God's "half-witted children". What's your guess?

Are you planning on having Mother with you on MOTHER'S DAY? Sunday, May 12, will be Mother's Day, and in our morning worship service we will give a potted plant to: (1) Oldest Mother present; (2) Youngest Mother present; (3) Mother with most children present; (4) Mother having come the farthest to attend; and (5) Mother with the youngest child present. Start making plans now for your mother to be present.

Sincerely,

George Wascaich

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28—

ELDERS: Rolland R. Ripple —
Harold W. Crowder

DEACONS: April

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The CMF will meet next Sunday evening from 6 to 7 P.M. A fine program is being planned by the President, Mr. Wm. Love. The film — "Flight to Romance" will be shown. All men of the church and friends are welcome.

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Each person needs something to live for apart from himself and his own work. Nothing short of participation in the sublime undertaking of the evangelization of the world is adequate to emancipate us from selfishness, and to call out the best energies of mind and heart.

—John R. Mott

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Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

God wants a whole heart, but will accept a broken one.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There were 41 youth who attended the High School CYF Easter Sunrise Breakfast last Sunday morning at the church. This was a most inspiring hour for them.

Next Sunday evening, April 28, the High School CYF will meet at the church from 5 to 7 P.M. Following recreation Fred Gudakunst, Worship chairman, will conduct the worship hour using as his topic "Are You His Disciples." Most of the time of the fellowship hour will be used toward the completion of final details for the preparation of the District Youth Meeting to be held in our church, May 5th.

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Several of our CYF boys served during the Good Friday Youth service at St. John's E. & R. Church. There were 239 in attendance with 28 from First Christian.

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A reminder to all youth: Please return your Camp Application blanks to your counselors on or before Sunday, May 5th. Those of you who may not have had an application blank as yet, please see your CYF Counselor, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, or your Chi Rho Counselor, Mrs. James Heavlin, at once.

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The Church is the noblest and best organization in the world. It furnishes the best examples of righteous living, the finest specimens of character, of which the world has any knowledge; exercises the largest influence in the work of reform; promotes honest, progressive, and beneficent government, and more than any other thing makes and maintains the home as a place of virtue, love, righteousness, brotherly kindness, and sacred honor.

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—Douglas Hyde

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QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY

International Christian Women's Fellowship Disciples of Christ, June 19-23, 1957 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Women wishing to attend, please contact the church office or Mrs. Wm. R. Love, C.W.F. President, for information or registration blanks.

May 1st is the deadline for registrations to the Quadrennial.

CONVENTION

COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

PROGRAM In Brief

Headquarters—The First Presbyterian Church.

Monday, April 29—

7:00 P.M. Meeting of Executive Committee.

Tuesday, April 30—

9:30 A.M. Registration begins.

10:30 A.M. Meeting of Board of Managers.

12:00 Noon Welcoming Luncheon — Wayne Street Methodist Church. All delegates, guests and local women.

2:00 Luncheon for all local Council. Presidents only at Wayne Street Methodist Church.

1:40 P.M. Formal opening of Convention. Address—Dr. Walter R. Hand.

4:15 P.M. Fellowship Tea — honoring Representatives of State Denominational organizations. Trinity English Lutheran Church.

6:15 P.M. Convention Dinner — St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church. Processional of local presidents. "Worship through Music" — Rosa Page Welch. Address—Dr. Harold Bosley.

Wednesday—May 1st—

9:00 A.M. Convention Session.

2:00-2:15 P.M. Three Special Luncheons —Department Chairmen presiding.

2:30-3:30 P.M. Assembly at First Presbyterian Church.

Closing of Convention.

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SPRING INSTITUTE

Christian Women's Fellowship

District ONE

Thursday, May 2nd, 1957

at

First Christian Church, Fort Wayne

9:00 A.M. — 3:20 P.M.

Rev. Mr. Thomas Hill, Missionary Guest speaker.

State Officers visiting the Institute are: Mrs. Ward I. Nicholas, CWF State Executive Secretary, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Frank Thomas, CWF State Treasurer, Anderson, Indiana.

Mrs. Dewey Hole, District Secretary, Gas City, Indiana.

Mrs. Claude Sutton, District Secretary, Ellettsville, Indiana.

An attendant will be in the Nursery to care for pre-school children. Mothers are asked to bring lunch for their children.

A fine program is being planned. We urge a large attendance from our church. Make this a MUST day.

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THE CHURCH NEEDS TODAY . . .

More tithes and fewer drives;

More action and less faction;

More workers and fewer shirkers;

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, April 21, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	9	
Nursery Department	26	6.25
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	35	12.52
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	36	10.21
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	19	5.89
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	21	8.90
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroff		
Junior High Department	18	4.57
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	21	4.19
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	6	7.30
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	63	40.65
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	54	64.50
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	26	35.00
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	11	20.00
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	19	31.50
Mr. David Hogg		

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10:30 A.M. Morning Worship—Communion
Church Sanctuary.

(Nursery for children: Infants and
children through 5 years)

APRIL 28—

6-7 P.M. Christian Men's Fellowship.
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7-8 P.M. Snack Time, Fellowship Hall.
CYF and Chi Rho — 5-8 P.M. — Youth
Rooms.

MAY 2 —

CWF District Spring Institute.

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Choir Rehearsals

Sundays:

Junior Choir — 6 P.M.

High School Choir — 7:30 P.M.

Thursdays:

Sanctuary Choir — 7:30 P.M.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	681
Church School Attendance	367
Church School Offering	251.48
Regular Church Offering	872.16
Building Fund Offering	342.70
30 Pieces of Silver	592.35
TOTAL GIVING	\$2,058.69

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs.
Ernest Kattas, 4221 Oliver St. Thursday,
May 2 at 7:45 P.M. Worship by Mrs.
Gerald Elser, Program by Mrs. Irene Cline.

The CWF will meet in the Church Parlor
next Sunday evening from 6 to 7 P.M.
The Montgomery Circle is in charge of
the program. Several Indiana Technical
College students from India will speak.
The Nelson Circle will give the devotions
and Mrs. Mote will sing. The Circle are
urged to bring their Love Gifts to this
meeting.

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STORK NEWS

A new baby girl arrived Easter Sunday
morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Hendricks. Congratulations and
Best wishes.

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DATES AHEAD

May 5—Building Fund Sunday.

RUMMAGE SALE—May 29-31.

MAY BREAKFAST—May 21 — 9:00 A.M.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. L. M. Cruse is a patient in St.
Joseph's Hospital. Room 215.

Mrs. Marion Coburn is confined to her
home by illness.

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We were happy to welcome Mrs. Darby
at the worship services last Sunday after
being confined to her home, eleven months
by illness.

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All that was taught by the Passover is
realized in the Lord's Supper and the
death which it commemorates. Deliverance
from bondage, safety behind the sprinkled
blood, fellowship around the life-giver—
all these the simple feast sets forth and
confirms. Jesus is the host, we are his wel-
comed guests, and there is never any lack
of provision at His Table.

—The Expositor



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Volume 15

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

How can Monday be so bright and beautiful when Sunday is so dull and rizzly? Nevertheless, we had a fine crowd at morning services and a fine attendance at the last School of Christian Living service until fall.

In Bible School we fell to 286, the first time we have been below 300 in a long time. The average Bible School attendance for April was 322 per Sunday. A fine start in our goal of an average attendance of 400.

Our summere theme will be: "TAKE A VACATION — BUT NOT FROM GOD!" Every effort will be made on the part of the leadership of your church to make it both convenient and worthwhile to attend morning worship service and still give you plenty of time to go on that Sunday outing! The projected summer schedule of services which will begin on the first Sunday in June will be as follows:

- 8-8:55 Early Worship Services.
- 9-9:45 Bible School.
- 9:50-10:45 REGULAR Worship Services.

If **YOU** support this schedule by your presence we will continue such a schedule until the second Sunday in September; from JUNE 2 - SEPT. 1.

TAKE THAT SUNDAY VACATION — BUT NOT FROM GOD! Attend the early morning worship services beginning the first Sunday morning in June! We promise

that you will be out of the early service and on your way by 9:00 A.M.

Have you noticed the lovely bulletin board on the lawn of the Church? A great debt of gratitude is due to the men who worked to bring that into a reality. Over the many months it took to bring about that lovely addition to our church I saw, Messers. Bundy, Heller, Hall, Fox, Yentes, Crowder, Love, Rayl, Uhl, and I'm sure some others. To Phil Uhl who designed and sparked the project, and to Bill Love who worked hard in keeping his men lined up behind the fish fry so we could pay for it—we owe special thanks. But to all the men who shared in the work of adding this lovely sign on the front lawn of our Church — THANKS A MILLION, MEN!

Have you noticed the sudden addition of a host of pidgeons on our church lawn? Well we must thank Bret Young and Hugh Rice! Why? Well they took the time to sow fertilizer and lawn seed on our lawn—the pidgeons come for the free meal! THANKS, FELLOWS!

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "THE ROMANCE OF RELIGION". Do you know the difference between a dinosaur and a tree lizard? Be present Sunday, and I'll tell you.

Sincerely,

George Wascauich

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, MAY 5

ELDERS: Maxwell P. Smith —
David Griggs.

DEACONS: Myron Cole Captain, H-50725

William R. Love
Ben G. Taylor
Lawrence A. Horn
Jerry Brubaker
W. Harry Imbody
Cecil A. Kinzie
Robert Rayl
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William Caldwell

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James J. Cain
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Louis Culbertson
John Jefferies
James Heavin
Harold A. Stigers
Paul G. Clendenen
LeRoy Timbrook

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MAY—Hospitality Chairman—Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse.

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MEN! — MEN! — MEN!

"YOU ARE IN OUR CLASS!" if you meet with us at 9:30 A.M. in the Chapel each Sunday. You will enjoy the discussions on "The Life of Christ" led by David Hogg. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

Last Thursday evening we enjoyed our Coffee Hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowder. It was truly a wonderful night highlighted by a surprise for Mrs. Robert Scott, who was presented a lovely gift in honor of her 30 years service in the First Christian Church as organist.

Truly no words can express appreciation for 30 years of loyalty, faithfulness, in teaching a Church School Class, playing the organ and on occasion serving as accompanist at the piano, and many other services over the years. Our service would not be complete without Mrs. Scott as a part of it. We hope she will give 30 more years of wonderful service.

Now that our Easter services are over we hope our choir members will stay with us. The rendition of more beautiful music is being planned before summer. Remember rehearsals are at 7:30 on Thursdays.

MAY 5th — BUILDING FUND SUNDAY

This is the Sunday when the CHURCH SCHOOL TOTAL OFFERINGS will be used toward our building debt. Let us be generous.

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A MORNING PRAYER

Let me today do something that will take
A little sadness from the world's vast store

And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.
Let me not hurt, by any selfish deed
Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe or friend,

Nor would I pass unseeing worthy need,
Or sin by silence when I should defend.
However meager by my worldly wealth,
Let me give something that shall aid my kind—

A word of courage, or a thought of health
Dropped as I pass for troubled hearts to find.

Let me tonight look back across the span
'Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say—

Because of some good act to beast or man—

"The world is better that I lived today."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting find

One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard;
One glance most kind,

That fell like sunshine where it went—
Then you may count that day well spent.
But if, through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay—
If, through it all

You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face—
No act most small

That helped some soul and nothing cost—
Then count that day as worse than lost.
—George Eliot

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the wicked, it is resistance; toward the
strong, it is trust; toward the penitent, it
is forgiveness; and toward God, it is re-
verence and love.

—Douglas Hyde

SPRING YOUTH MEET — DISTRICT ONE

The High School Christian Youth Fellowship and Junior High — Chi Rho youth will serve as hosts on this coming Sunday, May 5, to the Spring Christian Youth Fellowship Meet which will comprise the youth of all our churches in District One. The Theme is, "Not My Will — But Thine".

The registration for all youth will begin at 2 P.M. The registration fee of \$1.00 per person will be paid. This price will include the evening meal at 5:15 P.M. to be prepared and served by mothers and fathers of our youth.

Several most inspiring interest groups for the afternoon have been planned.

Our former Minister of Religious Education, Mr. John R. Talbott, who at present is serving as Departmental Associate for the Dept. of Religious Education in Indianapolis, will be the main speaker on the High School Youth program. His subject will be "What Will YOU Do With your Life?"

Our own Robert E. Cocherille will be in the entertainment during the supper hour. This promises to be a most inspiring program for the Youth and we urge all boys and girls of High School and Junior High age to attend.

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Next Sunday, May 5, the High School Youth will be serving as Assistant Deacons during the Morning Worship hour are Dick Skelton, John Johnston, Maurice Allen, John Young, Steven Coleman, Fred Vanossen, Ronald Bogan and Larry Hill.

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A MIRACLE

Miracle? Is it more strange that nature's common way?

From out the common clay
A shaft of green is lifted toward the sun,
And from its heart is spun
Air fabrics ere its day is done—
Horled leaves, an airy stem,
Crimson, fragile diadem,
And who can tell
Hence came the power thus to compel
A little seed beneath the sod
To fashion such a wondrous rod?
A miracle? — A thought of God
Which science scorns —
Is it more strange than flowers and thorns
That spring these mystic forms to birth
From out the trodden paths of Earth?

—George Klinge

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, April 28

	A/4	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	8	
Nursery Department	20	2.04
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	24	1.98
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	33	3.43
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	14	2.30
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	12	1.98
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	14	1.75
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	23	2.58
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	3	1.60
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	50	26.04
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	29	10.65
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	22	5.88
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	10	1.75
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	17	9.31
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	284	71.82

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— Host Church.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	331
Church School Attendance	284
Church School Offering	71.82
Regular Church Offering	504.38
Building Fund Offering	351.95
30 Pieces of Silver	56.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$984.15
Total Offering for April	\$5,961.42

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with
Mrs. Hendricks P. Love, 4910 Bowser Ave.
Tuesday, May 7th at 1:30 P.M. Worship
will be given by Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Pro-
gram by Mrs. Paul Clendenen.

The Kepple Circle will meet in the
Church Parlor, Tuesday, May 14th, at
1:30 P.M.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Joseph Siples is confined to her
home by illness.

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It is a great thing to kindle men's
thoughts and lift them upward, to in-
terpret the world as God has made it,
to invoke the latent powers of the soul
that men may rise from their bondage
at the touch of a living Saviour. It is a
great thing to inspire men; and only he can
inspire who is himself inspired.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of wisdom. — Proverbs 9:10.

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The Aims of Christian Education:—

A body strong and supple

An intellect to think

A heart to love

A conscience for righteousness

Appreciation of the beautiful

A strong will to choose the right

Learn as though you were to live for-
ever; live as though you were to die
tomorrow.

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Prayer is not conquering God's reluc-
tance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

God wants a whole heart, but will ac-
cept a broken one.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Friends:

Have you noticed how lovely the Church Building looked in the spring sunlight Sunday morning? The broad expanse of emerald lawn, the spring flowers with their many colors, the towering peak of the Church as it thrusts its cross into the blue of the sky, the Church sign with its gold letters reflecting the rays of the morning sun — these all proclaim to our community our pride in our lovely Church. And, speaking of the sign, I'm sure many of you noticed some glaring omissions in the names of those who shared in its completion. Without meaning to embarrass anyone, I should like to point out that Don Smith labored long and hard to protect the idea into the minds of our men, first as the president of the Men's Fellowship when the idea was accepted, and then by hard physical work in the physical construction of the sign. A word of gratitude to Don and to Jim Shockney and Ben Taylor, who also helped make our Church a thing of beauty.

It has been said, "Little girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice, but when the sugar and spice are worn off, they become mothers, and all that they then have left is everything nice, but that lasts forever."

When we were little, Mother was everything to us — the police department, the board of education, the dept. of public works, the recreation dept., the finance commission, the court of correction. She was a busy person! The only reason she

wasn't driven out of her mind is because she was a mother with the leadership of Moses, the courage of Daniel, and the patience of Job.

Whether she be 18 or 80, Mother is an irreplaceable treasure. None other will ever love you half so well or half so foolishly. None other will be so sure you are right, good and worthy. Of course, sometimes she is wrong, but God love her for it and keep her forever in His grace. Remember this — you only have one mother, and she's getting old. You always knew where to go when you wanted to make a "touch." Maybe you're not going far and won't be gone long, but it's that last pat on the back that brings the tears. As long as she lives, mother will be thinking of you just as she did when you were a baby with your pets and toys — as a dear baby starting off to school — as the hero of the football team — at graduation from school or college — starting off on "life's road", and finally when your hair has turned to silver.

Of course you don't remember how mother, tired and worn out, has sat up with you night after night when you were ill. A poet has said: "Mother come back from that echoless shore, and make me a child again, just for tonight."

Sincerely,

George Wascaich

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, MAY 12

ELDERS: Bret Young — Dr. A. C. Worley

DEACONS: Myron Cole Captain, H-50725

William R. Love
Ben G. Taylor
Lawrence A. Horn
Jerry Brubaker
W. Harry Imbody
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Young John Current was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital after suffering a broken rib and other injuries from a fall.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers last Sunday were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist in memory of their son, Philip.

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Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, brothers, sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide world.

—Kate Douglas Wiggin

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet Tuesday evening, May 14 at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood. Dr. Mrs. Paul Yentes is assistant hostess. The group will hold election of officers. Mrs. John Craig will bring devotions. Program by Mrs. Fred Dillman.

The Kepple Circle will meet in the Church Parlor, Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Rolland Ripple, leader.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Monday evening, May 13, at 7:30. Miss Anita Fitch co-hostess. Leader Mrs. Don Smith. Devotions by Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

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IN SYMPATHY

We express deepest and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Firman F. Pollard in the recent loss of her husband, Firman F. Pollard.

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WORK PARTY

The Come-Double Class will have a work party Saturday evening, May 11, at which time they will house clean the Nursery and Primary rooms.

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THANKS!

To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crowell for the fine gift of a Salad Master for use in the church kitchen.

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The average home is just where and just what the mother makes it. The furnishings may in their texture be determined by the purse of the father, but the color scheme, the cleanliness, the sanctity — all are expressed by the mother.

—Christian Register

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Jesus taught the coming of the kingdom of God, but this included also a new national morality for kingdoms of this world. He condensed the law into two sentences: "Love God" and "Love your neighbor".

—Sir Hall Caine

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EMILY E. FLINN HOME, MARION, IND.

Some statistics — There are 6 men now living in the Home, 1 couple, with a total of 73 guests, and a waiting list of 25. They must maintain a \$70,000 budget to care for these folk. Let us help!

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Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

God wants a whole heart, but will accept a broken one.

A SALUTE TO OUR MOTHERS

Sunday, as part of our Church Worship service, 5 mothers will be honored as a salute to all of our mothers. A lovely potted plant will be given to:

1. The oldest mother present.
2. The youngest mother present.
3. The mother with the most children present.
4. The mother having come the farthest to attend.
5. The mother with the youngest child present.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The District Youth Conference which was held in our church last Sunday afternoon and evening was a fine success. Much credit for this success must be given to our youth who served as hosts to our visitors. We also wish to thank Mrs. Robert Scott, our organist, who so willingly gave of her time to serve throughout our program which made our worship so inspirational. We wish to thank all of our fine parents of the youth who so graciously gave of their time to prepare and serve our evening meal.

We wish to thank Mr. Robert Cocherille and Mr. William Wetzel, whose fine entertainment during the dinner was immensely enjoyed, and also to thank Mr. David Griggs who aided us during our recreation time. To all of you our youth extends a great big "thank you".

Next Sunday evening the High School CYF will meet at the church at 5 P.M. Each will bring a covered dish and their table service and the group will eat in Fellowship Hall. At 5:30 the youth will go to the Chapel for their hour of devotion and discussion. The topic to be discussed will be entitled, "Summertime Projects" which will be given as a playlet. The purpose of this discussion will be to show the young people how they can use some of their leisure time in the summer to help the church, the community and special needy groups. Following the worship and program they will have recreation in the church gym. Marilyn Stigers and Peggy McFarland will plan the recreation.

The High School Choir rehearsal will be held in the music room from 7 to 8 P.M. We invite all youth of High School age to attend.

Our High School Room is proud to display a replica of our lovely CYF emblem which is mounted on an easel and placed on the piano in the Youth room. This emblem was made by our CYF President and Treasurer, Dwight Flowers and Ed. Crowell. This is a very fine piece of workmanship and we are happy to add it to our Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, May 5, 1957

	<i>A/L</i>	<i>Off.</i>
Babies & Toddlers	7	
Nursery Department	20	2.18
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	27	2.94
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	30	3.51
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	16	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	17	1.76
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	17	2.70
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	26	4.29
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	2	5.25
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	43	26.95
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	30	20.06
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	23	5.85
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	8	20.00
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	23.25
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	286	\$120.24

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	310
Church School Attendance	286
Church School Offering	120.24
Regular Church Offering	558.15
Building Fund Offering	475.35

TOTAL GIVING \$1153.74

MOTHERS OF MEN

"I hold no cause worth my son's life,"
one said —

And the two women with her as she spoke
Joined glances in a hush that neither
broke,

So present was the memory of their dead.
And through their meeting eyes their souls
drew near,

Linked by their sons, men who had held
life dear

But laid it down for something dearer still.
One had wrought out with patient iron will
The riddle of a pestilence, and won,
Fighting on stricken, till his work was done
For children of tomorrow. Far away
In shell-torn soil of France the other lay.
And in the letter that his mother read
Over and over, kneeling as to pray —
"I'm thanking God with all my heart today,
Whatever comes" (that was the day he
died)

"I've done my bit to clear the road ahead."
In those two mothers, common pain of loss
Blossomed in starry flowers of holy pride,
What thoughts were hers who silent stood
beside

Her son the dreamer's cross?

—Amelia J. Burr

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Indiana State Convention — Indianapolis

— May 16-23. Third Christian Church
and Murat Theatre. Mrs. Wm. R. Love,
Registrar for First Christian Church,
Fort Wayne. Goal for this Church 200
pre-registrations.

Our minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs.
George Wascovich will attend the Indiana
State Convention at Indianapolis next
week, May 16 thru the 19th. Our minister
will preach from the pulpit of the Univer-
sity Park Christian Church, Indianapolis.
Sunday morning, May 19.

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QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY

International Christian Women's Fellow-
ship Disciples of Christ, June 19-23, 1957
at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.
Women wishing to attend, please contact
the church office or Mrs. Wm. R. Love,
C.W.F. President, for information or reg-
istration blanks.

The deadline for registrations to the
Quadrennial has been set forward to
May 15.

Several of our women are going to the
Quadrennial. We shall be happy to have
others attend.



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"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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"GOD WILL EXAMINE US FOR SCARS, NOT FOR MEDALS"

The Mother's Day service was well attended, and the quartet was exceptionally good, but then the music of our Church is always of the highest calibre. We missed those of you who want to see your Mothers, but we would have it no other way, believe me.

Some years ago a fine doctor was talking about tithing. He wanted to tithe, but had a problem. Said he, "For years my wife and I have been putting young people through college. Right now we are paying the college expenses of a fine young lady in our church. What about her if I give all my gifts through the Church?" It was suggested that he let the church do that! He failed to see the difference between doing it himself, and letting the Church do it. He was told: "When you send this young lady a check, she said, 'What a wonderful man Dr. Blank is!' But if she receives a check from her Church, she said, 'Praise the Lord!'" THAT DOCTOR BECAME A TITHER THROUGH HIS CHURCH!

Did you ever stop to think that every payday is a new Eden? That the choice every payday is what man will choose for self, and what he will invest with God. There were two wealthy Christians, a lawyer and a merchant, going around the world on a pleasure trip. In Korea one day they saw a boy pulling a rude plow while his father guided the handles. The lawyer was amused and snapped the scene with his camera.

"They must be very poor," he remarked to the missionary guide. "Yes," their guide replied. "This is the family of Chi Num. When our church was built they had no money, so they sold their ox and gave the money to the Church. This spring they pull the plow themselves." The lawyer said nothing, but when he returned home he took the snapshot to his pastor saying, "I want to double my pledge to the church, and give me some plow work to do, please. A Korean has taught me what sacrifice means."

How would you like to stand side by side with that Korean at Judgment? Our scraps and left-overs versus his all? God needs some "plow Christians" today!

Sincerely,

George Wassavich

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

This coming Sunday morning your minister will be the Convention preacher at the University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis. Dr. Vivian Wheeler, the associate minister of First Baptist Church will be our guest minister. It will be a fine time to show other churches in the city how well we are back of our great church.

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SPECIAL MUSIC TREAT

On Sunday morning, the 26th, Mr. Wetzel will direct the combined choirs in Fred Waring's thrilling arrangement of **ON-WARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS**. On the same program he will direct an original number composed by himself. If you like good music, you will love that worship service.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Mr. Wetzel has called for Junior Choir rehearsal on Thursday after school on the 23rd. This choir will rehearse several times and then present their final special number one Sunday morning early in June. Parents, see that your children are here, please!

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Beginning Sunday, June 2, we will have two morning worship services. The first service will begin at 8 A.M. and the second service at 9:55 A.M. The schedule will be:

8:00- 8:55—Early Worship Service

9:00- 9:45—Bible School

9:55-10:45—Worship Service.

Remembering that we have daylight time, you can actually start on your trip by 8 A.M. **SUN TIME**, and still have started the **LORD'S DAY** in the **LORD'S WAY**. For actually Sunday is the Lord's Day, both summer and winter, isn't it?

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I sought Thee at a distance, and did not know that Thou wast near. I sought Thee abroad in Thy works, and behold, Thou wast in me. — Augustine

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BAPTISM

"Baptism" is an Anglicized Greek word meaning "immersion." It was the universal practice in the Apostolic Church. As early as 232 A.D. baptistries were built into the churches. The service of baptism was an occasion of deep solemnity, the old life of sin was buried with the crucified Christ; but at the same time it was an occasion of unusual joy because it meant that the candidate was "raised with Christ to newness of life." Jesus Himself was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River and He commanded it in the last words He ever spoke: "Go, make disciples, baptizing them."

As a Communion of Christian people v do not conceive of baptism as an essential part of a magical or mechanical plan of salvation. We are saved by the power of God as we have faith. Salvation is a spiritual reality, so too, is baptism, but do not need an outward and visible sign to objectify that spiritual reality?

Concretely and dramatically, baptism symbolizes the completeness of our need, the completeness of our desire for God's help, the completeness of our faith, the complete sufficiency of God's willingness and power to save, and the completeness of our decision to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

What would be more relevant to the tragic need of mankind? Baptism is a humbling experience, but it is never humiliating. When we exalt ourselves, we are humiliated; when we humble ourselves we are exalted. —J.P.P.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, MAY 19

ELDERS: James Shockney — W. C. Birkhoff

DEACONS: Myron Cole Captain, H-507

William R. Love

Ben G. Taylor

Lawrence A. Horn

Jerry Brubaker

W. Harry Imbody

Cecil A. Kinzie

Robert Rayl

Clarence Hendrickson

Ward W. Bundy

Olos G. Fox

Verlin J. Warnock

William Caldwell

MAY—Associate Deacons:

James J. Cain

Stanley Cole

Louis Culbertson

John Jefferies

James Heavin

Harold A. Stigers

Paul G. Clendenen

LeRoy Timbrook

MAY—Deaconess—Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad.

MAY—Hospitality Chairman—Mrs. Wm. J. Crouse.

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MENI — MENI — MENI

"YOU ARE IN OUR CLASS!" if you meet with us at 9:30 A.M. in the Chapel each Sunday. You will enjoy the discussion on "The Life of Christ" led by David Hogg. **SEE YOU SUNDAY!**

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

DO YOU STAY FOR CHURCH?

"It is high time for some church members to wake up to the sinister influence they are exerting.

When a member of the Sunday School marches home regularly after Sunday School and has nothing to do with worship services, there is a church member who is kidding himself. He has not been to church. He has not worshipped. He has not joined hands with the church to carry the Kingdom work.

Furthermore, he has deceived himself into doing something religious, sat in on a Sunday School class which salves his conscience and keeps him from realizing that HE IS ACTUALLY UNCHURCHED. I tell you the truth, I would not attend Sunday School if I did not long to stay for Church. Attending Sunday School as a substitute for attending Church is a serious hindrance to the Kingdom work.

When you attend Sunday School for years but never get interested in the rest of the church, you are like the Negro who was out hunting and saw the tombstone which read, 'I am not dead, I sleep.' As the Negro took to his heels he exclaimed, 'You ain't foolin' n'body but yo'-self.'

If you love your Church, say so and act so!"

—From Univ. Christian

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF will meet at the church Sunday evening May 19, at 5 P.M. for their regular Sunday evening Youth meeting. Each youth will bring a covered dish and their table service. At 5:45 P.M. following the meal the youth will assemble in the Chapel for their worship and discussion period. The topic for discussion will be "Achieving Status in YOUR Family." The purpose of this meeting is to give young people an opportunity to discuss some of the problems which face them as they attempt to express their growing independence and to achieve some status as mature members of their family by not only asking for privileges but accepting responsibilities as well.

The Youth Counselors will aid in this discussion. Recreation in the church gym will follow the devotional hour.

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All Officers and committee chairmen of the CYF will meet with their Counselors in the Youth Room at 4:00 P.M. next Sunday for their regular Executive meeting.

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CHURCH MEMBERS — PLEASE NOTE

The CYF will hold their annual paper and magazine drive on Saturday, May 25.

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Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	19	1.79
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Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	27	2.86
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
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Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	14	1.66
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Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	11	1.11
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	16	1.74
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
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Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
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Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
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Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	18	6.65
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mr. Paul Whitton		
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Friendly Class	20	4.61
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	303
Church School Attendance	250
Church School Offering	54.22
Regular Church Offering	432.90
Building Fund Offering	98.00

TOTAL GIVING \$585.12

HONORED

Our mothers were honored last Sunday morning during the Worship Service. Mothers receiving recognition were: Mrs. Ray Woodhull, oldest mother present; Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, the mother having the youngest baby present; Mrs. J. E. Weicker, and Mrs. John S. Craig tied as the mothers having the most children present; Mrs. Mary Kearby, mother of Mrs. Allan Robinson, was the mother coming the farthest. Her home is in Oklahoma. Each received a beautiful plant.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Marguerite McGuire is a patient in room 401 St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. Ellery Flaugh is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 369.

Mrs. Gertha Young, mother of Mr. Delmar Young, is quite ill at her home in Unionville, Indiana. Her address is R. No. 1 c/o Lonnie McClung.

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"59'ERS CLASS"

The "59'ers Class", for young married couples whose combined ages total less than 59, will begin class sessions next Sunday Morning at 9:30 A.M. in room above Church Office. Mr. J. E. Weicker, teacher.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker.

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MAY BREAKFAST

Christian Women's Fellowship

The Annual Fellowship Breakfast will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 A.M. with Mrs. Homer Gamboe, Indianapolis, a guest speaker. Mrs. Gamboe is a Missionary having been stationed in India. Her topic, "The Brotherhood Work in India." The Montgomery Circle is in charge of serving the Breakfast.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On May 26, from 5 to 7 P.M. the CM will serve a spaghetti dinner in Fellowship Hall, at \$1.00. The Allen County Sheriff Mr. Frank H. Nagel, will be the speaker. All men of the church and friends are invited to come. This will be the last scheduled meeting until Fall.

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A center of helpful service.
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A power for God throughout the world.
An unfailing spring of inner refreshment and strength, free to all who come.



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Number 34

**SUNDAY
IS THE
LORD'S DAY**

*You have
an Appointment
with God*

**The Almighty Father Ordained and
Established the Church as a Holy Place
for Worship.**

WILL HE FIND YOU THERE SUNDAY?

**"TIMES ARE
NOT WHAT
THEY WERE"**

Some time ago an archeologist discovered a clay tablet in Babylon upon which was written this inscription: "Alas! Times are not what they were."

This tablet is estimated to be over 5000 years old. What an age old cry!

Times are never what they used to be! But let us not forget

that our times are in His hands who made the heaven and the earth. Our task is to make preparation for our own spiritual advance, regardless of the times.

Some people make no more preparation for heaven than a grasshopper makes for Christmas! And "used-to-be Christians" are about as useful as last year's almanac. Let us never forget that America cannot be saved by either the college or the club, or by Congress, but only by Christ! You can't save this world by education, legislation, or civilization, but by regeneration! Not by man's plans, but through God's plan.

Sunday morning I will preach on the theme: "WHAT MEAN THESE STONES". I have walked amid the debris of World War II in England, Germany, France, Yugoslavia, Italy, etc. And as I saw the twisted structures of ruined cities I wondered if the children of tomorrow, which happens to now be today, would know what the rubble meant. As a Christian I often wonder if our children know the meaning of our sacred things. Far too many church members live as though God were dead.

Remember, workers never grumble, and grumblers never work! Move out today for God!

Sincerely, GEORGE WASCOVICH

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF had 22 members present for their meeting last Sunday evening. They began their study period on "Achieving Status in Your Family". The purpose of this discussion is to give young people an opportunity to discuss some of the problems which face them as they attempt to express their growing independence and achieve some status as mature members of their own family by not only asking for privileges but also accepting responsibilities. The topic will be discussed further next Sunday evening during the youth hour. Peggy McFarland will lead a discussion on "The Family Car"; Dwight Flowers will lead a discussion on "Dollars and Sense"; Susan Van Fossen will lead a discussion on "The Clock Strikes"; and Merle Rice will lead a discussion on "Who Makes the Decisions". Fred Gudakunst will lead the worship hour.

The High School youth will each bring a covered dish and table service and meet promptly at 5 P.M. at the church. At the close of CYF at 7 P.M. they will have choir rehearsal.

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The High School CYF will hold their annual Graduate Breakfast, honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 2 at 8 A.M. at the Airport Restaurant. A fine program is being arranged. Each graduate will wear his cap and gown and the group will sit together at the 10 A.M. worship service at the church on June 2. Marilyn Stigers and Peggy McFarland will be in charge of table decorations for the breakfast.

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The High School youth regret very much that their paper drive which was to have been held this Saturday, May 25 at the church has been postponed due to the fact the wholesalers are unable to accept more scrap paper during this week.

If statistics have taught anything, it is that the biggest thing in man is not body, mind or muscle; but soul. Wages, prices, and conditions can be adjusted; but attitudes, motives, and relationships can only be converted.

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As a businessman I urge my associates to get behind the churches. They alone provide a solution to the great problems facing us. . . . The need of the hour is not more houses, or freight cars, not more factories or ships, not more legislation, education or banking facilities, but more religion. The need of the hour is **religion**.

—Roger W. Babson

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF will hold their May Executive meeting on Sunday evening, May 26 at 6 P.M. in the church parlor.

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Due to the fact that next Thursday is Memorial Day, items for the Tidings must be phoned in to the office not later than Monday.

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I took a day to search for God,
And found Him not. But as I trod
By rocky ledge, through woods untamed,
Just where one scarlet lily flamed,
I saw His footprint in the sod.

Then suddenly, all unaware,
Far off in the deep shadows, where
A solitary thrush
Sang through the holy twilight hush —
I heard His voice upon the air.

And even as I marveled how
God gives us Heaven here and now,
In stir of wind that hardly shook
The poplar leaves beside the brook —
His hand was light upon my brow.

At last with evening as I turned
Homeward, and thought what I had
learned
And all that there was still to probe —
I caught the glory of His robe
Where the last fires of sunset burned.

Back to the world with quickening start
I looked and longed for any part
In making saving Beauty be . . .
And from that kindling ecstasy
I know God dwelt within my heart.

—Bliss Carman

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Ben G. Taylor
Lawrence A. Horn
Jerry Brubaker
W. Harry Imbody
Cecil A. Kinzie
Robert Rayl
Clarence Hendrickson
Ward W. Bundy
Olos G. Fox
Verlin J. Warnock
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James Heavin
John Jefferies
Louis Culbertson
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LeRoy Timbrook

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MEN! — MEN! — MEN!

"YOU ARE IN OUR CLASS!" if you meet with us at 9:30 A.M. in the Chapel each Sunday. You will enjoy the discussions on "The Life of Christ" led by David Hogg. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, May 19, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	5	
Nursery Department	17	1.26
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	19	1.65
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	29	3.42
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
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Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
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Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	12	1.25
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	12	2.08
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morloff		
Junior High Department	14	2.40
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	26	3.44
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	1	1.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	38	19.62
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	23	14.56
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	21	10.29
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	7	1.25
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	15	10.00
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NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

May 26—

9:30 A.M. Church School for all ages,
Educational Building and Fel-
lowship Hall.

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship—Communion
Church Sanctuary.

(Nursery for children: Infants and
children through 5 years)

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DATES AHEAD

RUMMAGE SALE—May 29 - 31.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On May 26, at 6 P.M. the CMF will
serve a spaghetti dinner in Fellowship
Hall, at \$1.00. The Allen County Sheriff,
Mr. Frank H. Nagel, will be the speaker.
All men of the church and friends are in-
vited to come. This will be the last sched-
uled meeting until Fall.

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Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays:

Sanctuary Choir — 7:30 P.M.

Junior Choir — 4:00 P.M.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	288
Church School Attendance	240
Church School Offering	72.23
Regular Church Offering	564.49
Building Fund Offering	151.70
TOTAL GIVING	\$788.42

OUR SYMPATHY

Our hearts were deeply saddened in the
sudden passing away of Paul Whitton.
Mr. Whitton was one of our very faithful
members, a member of long standing
serving his church in various capacities
through the Progressive Class. He was
currently, the Class President. He will be
greatly missed. May God comfort his dear
wife and sons in the dark days ahead.

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We wish to express heartfelt sympathy
to Mr. John Berlien and his family in the
loss of his dear wife last week. Mrs.
Berlien was a loyal and faithful membe
of her church during her lifetime. She wa
a member of the Ladies Bible Class and
the Christian Women's Fellowship and
served well and faithfully in both unti
her last illness made it impossible for he
to leave her home. May God sustain Mr.
Berlien in this time of sorrow.

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When a young person gets his first
glimpse at the literal truth of Christ's
paradoxical axiom, "He that loseth his life
for my sake shall find it," he has taken
the first step away from the dark prison
of his heathen self into a Christian realiza
tion of his oneness with his fellowman.

—Dorothy Canfield Fisher

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Money is the stored-up energy of human
toil and can be converted again into action
in the work of many men. It can stretch
out its arms of power around the world
and send light to the most remote and
destitute.

—Sherwood Eddy

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It was a joy to see so many of our
women out for the May Breakfast this las
week. Those who did not hear Mrs.
Gamboe tell her story on India missed a
rare treat.

We wish to thank Mrs. Caldwell for he
fine devotions. Our special music added
much of beauty to the program. We wis
to thank those who made the lovely dec
orations, and also the committee in charg
of the Breakfast.

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Empty pews have a voice of their own
They cry out in solemn testimony agains
the people of God who are not in them.



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"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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FOR A

HAPPY HOME

A Measure of God's Love Thoroughly Mixed with Faith in each other and in Him who is the author of all faith, bound together by regular attendance at His Church.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES
A CHRISTIAN HOME

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MAKE OUR CHURCH YOUR HOME

©

"HE WHO GIVES WHEN HE IS ASKED HAS WAITED TOO LONG." Wm. Blake

The distinguishing mark of the Christian is that he has caught the self-denying, self-effacing spirit of Christ, has a generous nature which knows no half measures, a heroic soul that fears nothing but its own limitations and constantly renews its pledge to give and not to count he cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that it does God's will.

Christianity is a religion notable for the tremendous stress it places on giving. Its central assertion about God is that He so loved the world as to give His only Son for its redemption. Its rule of conduct might almost be summed up in the dictum of Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It makes giving sacramental, a spiritual act, as truly religious as praise or prayer or preaching. Giving, whether of oneself or one's substance, is a sacramental act. It is the inevitable consequence of true Christian faith. They give freely who have freely received.

Beloved, bear two things in mind: OUR GIVING, THE AMOUNT OF IT AND THE SPIRIT OF IT, IS THE ACID TEST OF OUR RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST, OUR LORD. If we spend less on the Church than we spend on luxuries and pleasures, on theaters and concert halls, on tobacco and cosmetics—OUR PROFESSION IS OUT OF LINE WITH OUR PRACTICE! Are you a tither? A tipper? Or doesn't it matter?

I BELONG TO THE CHURCH BECAUSE:

If nobody belonged to the church, there would be no church; and if the church with all its influence for good were suddenly taken away, I would want to leave town immediately.

While I may not agree with all its ideas of theology, I do believe in its ideals of life.

While I share in the blessings of a Christian civilization, I want to be square enough to have a share in the church's work.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 So. Fairfield on Thursday evening, June 6th, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Eural Rose, Devotions by Mrs. Ernest Kattas. The group will hold Election of Officers.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. L. R. Mote, Winchester Road, Wednesday evening, June 6th at 8 o'clock.

DYE CIRCLE MEMBERS—PLEASE NOTE:

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet Wednesday June 5, at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. L. H. Higgins, 213 W. Fleming Ave.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3020 So. Lafayette, on Tuesday, June 4th, at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Paul Carpenter, program by Mrs. Paul Truby.

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The Chi Rho Young people will not meet again until next Fall. —Mrs. James Heavin, Counselor.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Gerald Elser is convalescing at home after undergoing surgery.

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The June meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be held on MONDAY evening, June 17. Executive at 7:15, General at 8:00 P.M. Installation of officers.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Clover Branstrator in the recent loss of a sister, Mrs. Thomas Regan of Indianapolis.

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Let us not come into the Sanctuary for the purpose of enjoying ourselves, or for listening to good music, or for hearing sermons. Let us come to worship Almighty God, our great Father; to exalt the name of Jesus Christ, our great Saviour; and to listen to the silent voice of the Holy Spirit, our great Guide.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Babies & Toddlers	11	
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Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	17	1.47
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	27	2.50
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	13	1.39
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	13	1.20
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	10	1.10
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	26	2.73
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	2	2.00
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	38	16.02
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	29	11.25
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	17	3.10
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	12	1.16
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	18	11.35
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	253	56.40

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF held a picnic in Foster Park last Sunday, May 25. Following the supper hour tennis was enjoyed. Next Sunday morning the youth will hold their annual Graduate Breakfast at the Airport Restaurant at 8:00 A.M. A splendid program has been arranged. The menu is: fruit juice, ham and eggs, sweet rolls, toast and coffee, tea or milk. Each youth will pay \$1.00. Following the breakfast, the youth will come to the 10 o'clock worship service and sit together in reserved pews. Honorable mention will be given our graduates—Dwight Flowers and Forrest Smith who are to be graduated from Southside High School; Stevens Hand who is to graduate from Northside; and Twyla Richmond will graduate from Elmhurst High School.

Due to the morning breakfast there will be no evening CYF hour this coming Sunday.

Those in need of transportation to the Airport please meet at the church parking lot PROMPTLY at 7:30 A.M. There will be ample transportation for all youth.

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The High School Youth who will serve as associate deacons next Sunday during the 10 o'clock worship are: Michael Young, Ed Crowell, Phil Carson, Bob Young, Fred Gudakunst, Warren Stevenson, David St. John and Clark Hiler.

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THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood Friday evening, June 7 at 7:30 P.M.

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The DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held this year Monday through Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. June 10 to 21. Children from 3 years to 12 inclusive are invited to enroll. Fee \$1.00 per child or \$1.50 per family. Mrs. Owen Vaught and Mrs. Floyd Morrical are co-chairmen for the School.

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The test of all Christian activity is, "Will it add to the glory of God?"
Fear God for his power;
Trust Him for his wisdom;
Love Him for his goodness;
Praise Him for his greatness;
Believe Him for his faithfulness;
Adore Him for his holiness.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, June 2

ELDERS: First Service 8:00 A.M.

Floyd E. Morrical — John S. Craig
Second Service 9:55 A.M.
Eural G. Rose — David Hogg

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain
H-0678

John F. Hechler
Don J. Eyer

A. Jefferson Young
Farlin F. Edwards
Harold K. Pritchard
Harley E. Meadows
Romane H. Cole
Arza Smith
Merland G. Heller
Melvin Evans
George R. Bruckman
David T. McCrosky

ASSOCIATE DEACONS FOR JUNE:

A. Neil Allen
Laurence Coleman
Solon E. Merriman
Carl H. Thomas
John C. Varner
Richard W. Baker
Wendell C. Glass
Billy O. Heath

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SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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If absence makes the heart grow fonder,
how some people must love the church!

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NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 2—

- 8:00 A.M. Early Worship Service and
Communion — Church
Sanctuary
- 9:00 A.M. Church School for all ages,
Educational Building and Fel-
lowship Hall
- 9:55 A.M. Worship and Communion —
Church Sanctuary
(Nursery for children: Infants and Chil-
dren through 5 years)

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

Thursdays:

Sanctuary Choir — 7:30 P.M.
Junior Choir — June 6 — 4:00 P.M.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	344
Church School Attendance	253
Church School Offering	56.40
Special Offering	74.00
Regular Church Offering	611.08
Building Fund Offering	289.49
TOTAL GIVING	\$1030.97

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More backers and fewer slackers;
More burdenbearers and fewer tale-
bearers.

—A Missionary

THE TITHE, AS WE HAVE SEEN

Is only a small part of Stewardship, but
it is a BASIC part. One can NOT be a
faithful steward and do LESS! When one
has made the surrender of the tithe, he
has cleared the biggest hurdle in this
matter of Stewardship.

It might be apropos to examine some of
the objections to tithing in the light of the
Scriptures and of some who have been
faithful with the tithe.

Here is the most popular objection, at
least it is used most often: "What do you
MEAN, why it's MY money. I earned it,
why SHOULD I give it away?" This is the
basic reason why men do not tithe, for
they start out with the erroneous assump-
tion, "What I make is MINE."

IS IT? Does one earn his income all by
himself, without GOD'S help? Without the
help of OTHER men? The Bible plainly
declares: "Ye are NOT your own." "The
earth is the Lord's, and the fullness there-
of." "The silver is mine, and the gold is
mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills,
saith the Lord of Hosts."

This is basic in the Scriptures. No man
can believe all GOD'S WORD and still
think that what he has is his own. It is
NOT ours, but God's, and He has given us
a definite plan for using it. That plan is
tithing Christian Stewardship.

Now here is another, about equal in
popularity and use with the first. "It is a
sin and a shame for a man to give away
his money, while he owes other people."

This objection reflects a basic spiritual
inadequacy, a lack of the proper under-
standing of the bigness and the import-
ance of the cause we are in, and of our
relation to God.

Sure, many of us are in debt but NO-
WHERE in MY Bible does it say: "Now all
of you who are NOT in debt, bring your
tithe into the storehouse!" But it DOES
say: "Bring ye ALL, the tithes!"

To whom is one more indebted, the
dealer from whom a car was purchased,
or God, who has so freely given us ALL
things. If giving be put on the basis of
DEBT, God would indeed get the first and
largest portion of every man's income.

Department of Stewardship



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Number 36



This Atomic Age
Demands Unswerving
Devotion from
Christ's Followers.

Your Church At-
tendance Proves
Your Love.

WORSHIP IS MAN'S GREATEST NEED

THE WORLD ABOUT US

About the only item in which our world is deeply concerned is the Atom or hydrogen bomb. We are told that in the bombs we now have in our possession is the most powerful force ever harnessed. I DO NOT AGREE.

It often reminds me of the story concerning the Russian school teacher who asked pupil, "Who were the first human beings?"

"Adam and Eve," the child replied. "And what nationality were they," asked the teacher. "Russian, of course." "Fine, fine," commented the teacher. "And now how did you know they were Russians?"

"Easy," responded the child. "They had no roof over their heads, no clothes to wear, and only one apple for the two of them—and they called it paradise!"

(Continued on next page)

Friends, the most powerful force ever harnessed is the human spirit! When men and women have been dedicated to a prison or a cause they have changed the face of the world. The most powerful force on earth today lies in the lives of Christian men and women. The trouble seems to be in the ignition! When Christian men and women become dedicated to Christ rather than to particular creeds, when they exalt the Church of our Lord above any division within Christendom when Christ rules in our lives, the world will pause before the might and power of the greatest force ever known—God at work in the human heart! LET GOD HAPPEN TO YOU!

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "A PORTRAIT OF JESUS"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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The **Fellowship Guild** will meet June 10. Mrs. Don Smith and Miss Verna Sullivan Co-Hostesses. Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, leader, Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Devotions.

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The **Kepple Circle** will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz Ave. Tuesday, June 11th at 1:15. Mrs. Cecil Rice will present the program, devotions by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Thirty eight High School Youth attended the third annual Graduate breakfast at the Baer Field dining room Sunday morning preceding the worship service. They enjoyed a fine program and each graduate expressed his plans for the months ahead. Due to the fact that many members of the group plan to be out of the city there will be no C.Y.F. meeting this coming Sunday.

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We wish to express our sincere congratulations and best wishes to our High School CYF president, Dwight Flowers who was named this week as one of four News Sentinel Carrier-Salesmen to be the recipient of this year's scholastic award. These awards are granted on the basis of scholastic achievements and the performance of duties as a carrier salesman. Dwight, a regular and substitute carrier for seven years is a senior at South Side High School. During his four years he has been engaged in many activities which include the Band, Art Club, DeMolay, Math-Science Club, Hi Y, Service Club, and Explorer Scouts. At the same time he has maintained an average of over 97 percent and will be graduated as Salutatorian. Last year Dwight was a delegate to Hoosier Boys State and has been a Junior Rotarian. He plans to enter the University of Michigan next fall for a career in architecture. In addition to the News Sentinel Scholarship, Dwight is also the recipient of a four year scholarship award to the University of Michigan.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, June 9

ELDERS: First Service 8:00 A.M.

Rolland Ripple — Harold Crowder

Maxwell Smith — B. W. Leversee

Eural G. Rose — David Hogg

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain
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THE STORY OF THE TITHE

The principle of the tithe runs through the Scripture like a golden thread. Some say that the tithe was a Mosiac law written into the heart of the Hebrew faith. It was. Yet the idea antedated Moses. Did not Abraham tithe? In fact as Bishop Costen J. Harrell says: "The idea of the tithe did not originate with the Jews. It is one of the spiritual institutions of mankind, like belief in God and immortality. The valley of the Nile and of the Euphrates have been called the cradle of civilization. Long before the Old Testament was written, the Egyptians and Chaldeans who occupied these fertile valleys dedicated to their Gods a tenth of the increase of their fields. When the idea was first planted in the mind of the race is a mystery. Before the dawn of history primitive man recognized a divine power over all, the Almighty One who made the fields to bring forth their harvest and the flocks their increase; and man brought an offering in token of his dependence and gratitude. This was worship, sometimes crude, but always an acknowledgement of a sovereign Power operating in the world.

"The Tithe was commonly practiced among the ancient people—Phoenicians, Arabians, Pelasgians, Carthaginians, Chinese, Greeks and Romans. It is a thought-provoking fact that at so early a time and among nations who were not within the Hebrew tradition the idea of a dedicated tenth was already deeply rooted. Aristotle, the far-famed Greek philosopher, refers to the tithe as being in his day an "ancient law." It is mentioned by Xenophon and Herodotus among the Greeks and by Pliny and Cicero among the Romans."

THE BIBLE MENTIONS TITHING MUCH MORE OFTEN THAN BAPTISM

—and yet a lot of people who insist on the right form of Christian Baptism, ignore pointedly the Scripture on the matter of tithing. It is true that tithing Christians are dedicated Christians. Interestingly enough, people who object to tithing or raise serious questions about it are usually those who do not practice it. Thomas Kane of Chicago advertised in the newspapers, offering a reward for the names and addresses of "Unhappytithers"—he received 10,000 replies—all were positive in declaring their joy in finding their starting place in Christian Stewardship. **ARE YOU A TITHER OR A TIPPER?**

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The Montgomery Circle will meet Tuesday, June 11, 8 P.M. with Mrs. Don Eyer, Markle, Indiana.

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Babies & Toddlers	11	
Nursery Department	20	1.55
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Kindergarten	24	2.03
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Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
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Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	10	1.50
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	—	—
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Lakoda Class	—	—
Mrs. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
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Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
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Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
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Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	9	10.00
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8:00 A.M. Early Worship Service and
Communion — Church
Sanctuary
9:00 A.M. Church School for all ages,
Educational Building and Fel-
lowship Hall
9:55 A.M. Worship and Communion —
Church Sanctuary
(Nursery for children: Infants and Chil-
dren through 5 years)
7-8 P.M. Children's Day Program

YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance 365
Church School Attendance 228
Church School Offering 71.76
Regular Church Offering 706.84
Building Fund Offering 627.61
TOTAL GIVING \$1334.45

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs.
Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood Friday
evening, June 7 at 7:30 P.M.

The DAILY VACATION CHURCH
SCHOOL will be held this year Monday
through Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
June 10 to 21. Children from 3 years to
12 inclusive are invited to enroll. Fee \$1.00
per child or \$1.50 per family. Mrs. Owen
Vaught and Mrs. Floyd Morrical are co-
chairmen for the School

APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere thanks to
all who serve by doing the unseen tasks
about the church that help so much; and
especially we wish to thank, at this writing,
Earl Fusselman who purchased peat moss
and top soil for the shrubs.

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Mrs. Paul Whitton and family wish to
take this means of thanking the many
friends in the church who helped so much
with their kindnesses and words of com-
fort and sympathy during the dark hours
of their recent bereavement.

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The Chancel flowers last Sunday were
given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad in
loving memory of Mrs. Conrad's parents,
Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Jones.

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WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome into our fellowship,
those who became members during the
month of May: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Ben-
nett, Richard Skelton, Jerry Lee Clayton,
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Moore. We are
indeed enriched by having these fine folk.

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CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

The Children in the Church School will
present a short program next Sunday eve-
ning from 7 to 8 P.M. Members and friends
are invited. Mrs. Likens will be in the
Nursery.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND TALENT NIGHT

The Sanctuary Choir members are spon-
soring an Ice Cream Social and Talent
Night on Thursday, June 20 at 7:30. The
proceeds from this project will be used
toward the purchase of new hymnals.

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What the world has been waiting for
through the centuries is a sample Chris-
tian nation. America has the best chance
of being that sample. Consequently every
movement which expresses Christian ideals
in American life makes easier the task of
the missionary abroad. On the other hand,
any custom that is unjust makes more
difficult the foreign worker's task.

—Edward Laird Mills

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CHRIST CALLS:

"Come unto me!"
"Take my yoke!"
"Learn of me!"
"Go ye!"



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

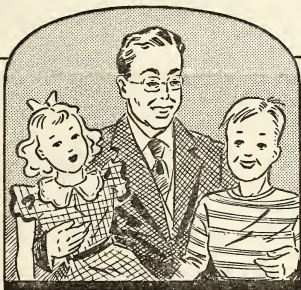
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EVERY DAY IS

*Father's
Day*

As we pause to honor our earthly fathers, let us
renew and strengthen our relationship with the
greatest father of all—Jehovah God—

TURN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD ON FATHER'S DAY

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TAKE A LOOK AT FATHER

A Father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic. A father is a thing that growls when it feels good . . . and laughs when its scared half to death. A Father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to business when the little ones are growing up. That's partly fear, too. Fathers are much more easily frightened than mothers. A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the man his son believes him to be — nor quite the hero his

(Continued on next page)

daughter thinks him to be . . . and this worries him, sometimes. And so he works hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his son . . . though he knows it's the teacher's fault. Fathers grow old faster than other people. Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what's inside. Fathers are who give away their daughters to other men who are not half good enough . . . so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's. They hurry from the breakfast table . . . to the office . . . where they tackle the dragon with three heads . . . weariness, work, and monotony . . . and never quite win the fight, but never give up.

Knights in shining armor . . . Fathers in shining trousers . . . there's little difference as they march to work daily. Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest, and though they know the odds they keep right on betting . . . and one day they lose. I don't know where fathers go when they die. But I've an idea that after a good rest, they won't be happy unless there's work to do.

He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children he bore . . . he'll be busy there, too . . . repairing the stairs . . . smoothing life's way . . . improving the streets . . . oiling the gates . . . painting the walls — all for those he's loved

COME TO CHURCH, ALL YOU FATHERS, and MAKE THE WHOLE FAMILY HAPPY!

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The next two Sundays the High School youth will take a special offering during the morning class time to supplement the treasury for their CWFY pledge. They will complete their \$75.00 payment to the CWFY the latter part of June.

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The High School CYF will not meet this coming Sunday evening due to many members being out of the city. Next Sunday the Youth will attend Church School and Church and then leave for Barbee Lake Christian Camp. The entire youth group will go with the Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical. They plan a picnic on the way for their noon meal. Many CYF parents will serve as chaperones. Nine of the youth will stay at Barbee to attend CYF Conference during the week of June 23-30. Those who will represent our First Christian Youth at Conference are: Michael Young, Fred Gudakunst, Warren Stevenson, Bob Young, Jon Heaven, Wendell Rose, John Johnston, Allan Flowers and Dick Skelton.

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There is a wonderful, mystical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life — happiness, freedom, and peace of mind — are always attained by giving them to someone else.

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Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit, and it leads us a wild-goose chase, and is never attained.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne

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The things men live by are found in the Word of God. In its pages men have found help for their deepest needs, comfort for their shattered spirits, light for their darkest hours.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — TALENT NIGHT

The Sanctuary Choir members will hold an Ice Cream Social and Talent Night on Thursday evening June 20, at the Church. Ice Cream and Cake will be served from 6 to 8 P.M. We shall need several adults to help with the social. Three to work from 6 to 7 P.M. and 3 to work from 7 to 8 P.M. The CYF Choir members will assist them.

Mrs. Dale Hiler is in charge of securing donations of cakes for the social. Anyone who will furnish a cake, please call Mrs. Hiler, H-79693. Choir members have tickets for sale at 10c each.

At 8 P.M. a Talent Show will be presented in Fellowship Hall. The combined choirs will sing on the program and Mr. Cocherille will be featured.

Proceeds from the social will be used to purchase new hymnals for the church.

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Blessed is the man who loves the Lord with his pocketbook as well as with his heart . . . It is good to have money, and the things that money can buy, but it is good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy.

—George H. Lorimer.

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If people seem unkind, read John 15.

If you are discouraged about your work read Psalm 126.

If you cannot have your own way, read James 3.

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Hugh D. Rice — Carter D. Palmer

Second Service — 9:50 A.M.

Floyd E. Morrical—Harold W. Crowder

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain

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John F. Hechler

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A. Jefferson Young

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SEE YOU SUNDAY!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS—David Hogg, leader

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At Pentecost all life, language, culture, national genius, art, science, philosophy—all life is gathered into a common center, Christ, and then it goes out from that common center to tell, each in its own language, the wonderful works of God.

—E. Stanley Jones

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The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost:

In a sound, to awaken them;

In a wind, to move them;

In fire, to enlighten and warm them;

In tongues, to make them speak.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, June 9, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	10	
Nursery Department	17	1.83
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	22	3.21
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	29	8.40
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	11	3.48
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	14	4.28
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroff		
Junior High Department	16	2.70
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	22	2.16
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Come-Double Class	34	36.36
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Lakoda Class	—	—
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	34	30.50
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	21	18.01
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	9	20.05
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	15	27.00
Mr. David Hogg		
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Church Worship Attendance	326
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Church School Offering	157.97
Children's Day Offering	55.00
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	\$ 212.97
Regular Church Offering	640.09
Building Fund Offering	390.50

TOTAL GIVING \$1243.56

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To hear God speak once it were worth
while to listen a whole lifetime.

—C. C. Woods

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship will
meet Monday evening, June 17 at 7:15 for
Executive. General meeting will be at
8:00 P.M. There will be Installation of Offi-
cers. Program: "Convention Highlight"
The minister's viewpoint by Rev. Mr. Was-
covich, laywomen's viewpoint by Mrs.
Owen Vaught. Worship will be led by
the Fellowship Guild, the Guild Chorus
will sing. Circle Chairmen will serve re-
freshments.

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JUNIOR CHOIR

We wish to take this opportunity to
thank the members of the Junior Choir for
their fine work this year. The church will
be looking forward to the Fall when they
will again take up their rehearsing and
singing for the glory of God. Their par-
ents deserve a big hand too, for seeing
they are present at choir rehearsal and
urging them on to bigger and better
things.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Clara Pollard is a patient in room
594, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Edna Campbell is a patient in
Room 131, Lutheran Hospital.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

We are gratified to report that 98 were
registered in the school the first two days
and we are confident others will come.

The mothers and fathers are invited to
come with the children on **Friday morning
June 21** to observe the school and see the
various displays made by the children.

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QUADRIENNIAL — JUNE 19-23

Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Miss Ethel Shroyer
Mrs. Charles Dare and Mrs. Owen Vaughn
are among those from this church who
will attend the Quadriennial Assembly at
Purdue University.

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All the doors that lead inward to the
secret place of the Most High are doors
outward — out of self — out of smallness
— out of wrong.

—George MacDonald

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class, losers in the re-
cent attendance contest, will entertain the
Come Double Class, winners, at a dinne-
party on Saturday evening, July 6, at
6:15 P.M. at the Church.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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THE BIBLE — A LOST BOOK

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton once wrote: "One day, so runs a famous story, England awoke up and found that the Bible was gone. Not only the Book itself, but all trace of its influence and every echo of its music had been erased from life. The result was appalling. A great literature became well-nigh unintelligible. The gorgeous pages of Ruskin looked like moth-eaten tapestry. Everyday speech stammered and faltered.

A change passed over the whole tone and temper of the nation. Life became hectic, hurried and vulgar. Old restraints were thrown off, leaving instinct to run wild. All values were blurred, and life itself became little and mean, not so much tragic as tedious, trivial, frivolous, or else drab. Something fine, high, and fair had gone out of it.

Well, something like that has actually happened, and it is the greatest calamity of the last hundred years. The Bible is not actually lost, but it is unknown. Our people do not read it, they do not even hear it read. Few have any notion of what it means or how to read it. It fills one with dismay to see a generation growing up who know almost nothing of the Bible. If they have taken it as a lesson in school, it has been quickly forgotten. We are faced by an amazing spectacle — a generous, charming, candid generation without the Bible!"

Have you spent as much time reading the Bible in these past months as you have in reading the daily newspaper? Is Bible reading no longer to mould and shape our lives? Take time to make the inspired Word of God live for you by becoming familiar with its time-tested parables, its searching analysis of sin, its pointed prescription for mental and spiritual health.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "INSIGHTS, HARD-WON AND LIFE TESTED"

A church spire is symbolic. It is a finger pointing upward to the Power above us, from which we derive our spiritual strength. It marks a building as a place where we gather for a communion that renews our faith.

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Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

—Edwin Hatch

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, June 23

ELDERS: First Service 8:00 A.M.

Eural G. Rose — David Hogg

Second Service — 9:50 A.M.

John S. Craig — Rolland R. Ripple

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain
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A. Jefferson Young

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

We believe our Vacation Church School in 1957 was very successful in every way. Our enrollment was 115 the first week with a staff of 26. Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. Guy Mausteller, Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Howard Howell, Mrs. John King, Miss Alice Richardson, Mrs. Fred Dillman, Mrs. John Craig, Mrs. C. Hendrickson, Mrs. Maxwell Smith, Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mrs. A. N. Shockney, Mrs. Paul Trubv, Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, Mrs. Marion Coburn, Miss Ellen Crowder, Mrs. Romane Cole, Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Mrs. Bernard Ruble, Mrs. Paul Yentes, Miss Susan Van Fossen, Mrs. Max Finkhouser, Mrs. Donald Wasson, Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. Carl Thomas, Mrs. George Bruckman were among those who gave time and talent to make the School possible.

Refreshments for the School were furnished by—Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. Wendall Glass, Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. Lee Miller, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell and Mrs. John Hechler. The refreshments were prepared and served each morning by Mrs. Kenneth Johnston. Mrs. Caldwell served as chairman.

Open House will be held Friday morning, June 21, for parents of children to attend and observe the school in action and to see the exhibits.

Our Minister and Church Officers wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to these fine folk for a job well done.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

A special offering will be taken next Sunday to increase the CYF treasury in order to meet their pledge of \$75.00 to CWFF.

The Youth will attend Sunday School and Church service next Sunday and will meet after the Second Service in the parking lot and the entire group including their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, will leave for Barbee Lake Christian Camp. On the way they will stop for a picnic lunch.

Those representing First Christian CYF at Barbee Conference next week are Michael Young, Fred Gudakunst, Warrner Stevenson, Bob Young, Jon Heavin, Wendell Rose, John Johnston, Allan Flowers and Dick Skelton.

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The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in education.

—Daniel Webster

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this week are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose, honoring their wedding anniversary.

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I recall years ago, I preached a sermon on "Hitch-hiking to Glory — Hoboes Along Heaven's Highway." I was going to be out of town for about 10 days anyway and decided to explore the subject. I never got such a violent reaction in my life, except in one other case. That was the time I agreed for the church treasurer to print in bold figures what each member had paid to the church that year.

It was sort of embarrassing to drive around in a \$3,000 car and have in known that you paid \$26 a year to the church while a little girl (with a sick husband in a veteran's hospital), who waited on tables in an all-night restaurant paid \$204. It wasn't the measly amount that got his goat — it was having it known.

A man who loves his family is not embarrassed when the community finds out how much he spends on his loved ones. Why should he turn red in the face when the community finds out how much he gives to the support of the "family of God"? "Why?" you ask. He doesn't, unless it is such a small amount that he feels a shame that should be his for such a miserly giving.

—Pierce Harris,
Methodist Minister, Atlanta

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We are living in a confusion of tongues; many men are offering many contradictory solutions of the world's ills. We need to hear God speak. And the Bible gives us God's voice, in His own words, with His own divine and infallible solution for the world's ills as no other book ever possessed by men.

—American Bible Society

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If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.

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Lower Junior Department	11	.95
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
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Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
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Mrs. Garland Morroff		
Junior High Department	10	.70
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Regular Church Offering	367.53
Building Fund Offering	99.59

TOTAL GIVING \$533.89

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Money is the stored-up energy of hu-
man toil and can be converted again into
action in the work of many men. It can
stretch out its arms of power around the
world, and send light to the most remote
and destitute.

—Sherwood Eddy

Nearly every one of us delights in see-
ing things grow. I have an idea for a
"GARDEN" I'd like to see planted by
every member of our great and growing
church.

First, I urge you to plant and cultivate
five rows of "P's".

1. Presence.
2. Promptness.
3. Preparation.
4. Perseverance.
5. Purity.

Second, I urge you to plant and keep
weeded three rows of "SQUASH".

1. "Squash" indifference.
2. "Squash" gossip.
3. "Squash" unjust criticism.

Third, I also urge you to plant four rows
of "LETTUCE".

1. "Let us" be unselfish and loyal.
2. "Let us" be true to our obligations.
3. "Let us" obey rules and regulations.
4. "Let us" love one another in Christ.

Fourth, I urge you to complete your part
of the garden with four rows of "TURNIPS".

1. "Turn up" for meetings.
2. "Turn up" with a smile.
3. "Turn up" with new ideas.
4. "Turn up" with determination to
make everything count for something good
and worthwhile.

If a large number of these gardens are
planted in this growing Church, things
around Fort Wayne will come to a grind-
ing halt just to see the amazing results
at the First Christian Church.

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"Sympathy costs nothing," is only a
half-truth. Genuine sympathy always calls
forth service that helps. The Samaritan's
sympathy cost him a part of two days
time and some money, but it made him
immortal as the world's greatest example
of neighborly sympathy and helpfulness.

—St. Louis Christian Advocate

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What To Do With Your Bible:

Know it in the head;
Stow it in the heart;
Show it in the life;
Sow it in the world;
Read it to be wise;
Believe it to be safe;
Practice it to be holy.

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All the doors that lead inward to the
secret place of the Most High are doors
outward — out of self — out of smallness
— out of wrong.

—George MacDonald



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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SUNDAY'S SERMON: "DESTROYING THE GARDEN OF THE SOUL"

Several years ago I spent some nine weeks in Europe on a study mission. Prior to leaving my home I was the proud possessor of a fine rose garden. The roses were large and very lovely. Upon my return I found to my regret that someone had destroyed my lovely roses! The "culprit" never laid his hands on my bushes, but they were ruined, nevertheless.

Friends, there are many ways of destroying anything that is lovely, including a rose garden. One might go about this destructive process with ruthless passion and tear them up in sheer fury; or perhaps he might destroy the rose garden by sheer stupidity, that is, he might apply too much strong fertilizer and burn them up; but the most certain way is by sheer neglect! Try it and see!

What is true of a lovely rose garden is true of the garden of the soul. There are many ways for one to destroy his capacity for knowing God, but the most certain way is simply to neglect his spiritual life. Science has proven to us that in use lies productivity, and in disuse lies uselessness. It is true in the realm of the spirit. But if I do not on you won't have to come and hear my message Sunday morning. . . .

In spite of the extremely lovely day Sunday, there were 264 in our morning worship service. We are grateful to each one of you who helped make it an inspiring experience of worship. What a wonderful congregation you really are! We have a grand choir and our music has been truly lovely, and for this we owe a debt of gratitude to all of the faithful choir members, and to its director, Mr. William Wetzel. The stewardship of our people is improving and has always been on a high level. With the coming into our church family of other fine Christian people from Sunday to Sunday, we shall build here a church great enough for God. We rejoice with the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Darwachter, 4411 Warsaw St., into the fellowship of our fine congregation. Let's all work to bring our attendance over 300.

REMEMBER: THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF THE TIDINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Every week the Church receives the financial support of many of its fine families who find they will not be in the services. It is most gratifying to open the morning mail and find there the continued financial support of the members who find they will be out of the city and who remember that the expenses of the Church go right on in summer as in winter. We take this means to express our gratitude — for without this type of interest in our church and its program, summertime, could spell trouble for our building obligations, etc.

REMEMBER: WHEN THE TEMPERATURE GOES UP, THE OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE GOES DOWN . . . BUT THE LEVEL OF YOUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS REMAINS THE SAME!

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FINAL TIDINGS

The First Christian Tidings will keep to its regular summer program and it will not be printed in JULY & AUGUST. If there are items of particular interest which you need to know the church office will notify the membership by letter. The Church office would appreciate hearing from you as you take your summer trips and if you attend some of our 'great' churches across America, take the time to send us the church bulletin or order of worship.

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JULY SCHEDULE FOR ASSOCIATE DEACONS

ASSOCIATE DEACONS: — Captain, Philip Uhl.

Hendricks P. Love
Charles R. Ludwig
Frank M. Moody
Donald Wasson
Gorden E. Welker
Paul E. Yentes
F. Marion Coburn
Edwin R. Hall

Associate Deacons to serve in August will receive notice through the mail before August 4.

DEACONESS FOR JULY — Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, AUGUST — Mrs. Irene Cline.

HOSPITALITY: July — Mrs. John Craig; AUGUST — Mrs. Robert Clipp.

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Money is the stored-up energy of human toil and can be converted again into action in the work of many men. It can stretch out its arms of power around the world, and send light to the most remote and destitute.

—Sherwood Eddy

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Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine.

—Edwin Hatch

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, June 30

ELDERS: First Service 8:00 A.M.

Maxwell P. Smith — B. W. Leversee.

Second Service — 9:50 A.M.

C. D. Palmer — Bret R. Young.

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain

H-0678

John F. Hechler

Don J. Eyer

A. Jefferson Young

Farlin F. Edwards

Harold K. Pritchard

Harley E. Meadows

Romane H. Cole

Arza Smith

Merland G. Heller

Melvin Evans

George R. Bruckman

David T. McCrosky

ASSOCIATE DEACONS FOR JUNE:

A. Neil Allen

Laurence Coleman

Solon E. Merriman

Carl H. Thomas

John C. Varner

Richard W. Baker

Wendell C. Glass

Billy O. Heath

DEACONESS FOR JUNE:

Mrs. John F. Hechler

HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN FOR JUNE:

Mrs. Glenn Miller

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MEN! — MEN! — MEN!

Our Class will meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Chapel during the summer months. We have interesting discussions every Sunday SEE YOU SUNDAY!

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS—David Hogg, leader

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JULY SCHEDULE FOR DEACONS

DEACONS: Philip Uhl, Captain, H-28191.

Donald C. Smith

Jack E. Weicker

Leon H. Johns

Robert N. Hendricks

Earl Fusselman

Arthur S. Betz

Dale C. Hiler

Delmas Young

Howard J. Howell

Carl D. Linn

Paul L. Carpenter

John R. McFarland

During the month of July and August Elders will be notified of their time for serving. Deacons to serve in August will be notified by mail before August 4th.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Georgia Bauer is a patient in Room 573 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Wm. Miller is in the Methodist Hospital, at Rochester, Minnesota, for surgery, Room 502.

Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical has been quite ill at her home.

Mrs. Scott Powers and Mrs. Joseph Siples are still confined to their homes by illness.

Mrs. Robert J. Neal is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

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WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who have come to share our fellowship and worship in the month of June: Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Dilts and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Darwacher. We are sure these folk will enrich our fellowship as they work and worship with us.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will have a carry-in dinner Tuesday evening, July 2, at 6:30, at the home of Mrs. Esther Whitton, 3308 South Clinton.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this next Sunday were given by Miss Ethel Shroyer and Mrs. Donald C. Smith, in memory of their father.

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SANCTUARY CHOIR

Appreciation should go to our adult choir which we have enjoyed so much this whole year. Mr. Wetzel reports that your faithfulness this year was really wonderful and your singing ability was only exceeded by your good looks. It would certainly be a boost for the choir if they had 50 voices like they have worked for. Won't some of you in the congregation join them next year, and help them fulfill this desire? They will all tell you that you don't have to be a good singer, just be there and the notes seem to come out, if your heart's in the right place. You had a very wonderful year, Choir. Let's look forward to a bigger and better one next year.

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If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.

—Daniel Webster

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—George MacDonald

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, June 23, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	9	
Nursery Department	19	1.72
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
Kindergarten	16	1.58
Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks		
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Primary Department	23	1.05
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	14	1.49
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans		
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Upper Junior Department	17	2.35
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	10	1.49
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	21	
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
Come-Double Class	33	15.45
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Lakoda Class	3	2.25
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	24	8.90
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	17	4.57
Mrs. C. D. Palmer		
Ladies Bible Class	7	.96
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	11.32
Mr. David Hogg		
TOTALS	230	\$53.13

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NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 30—

- 8:00 A.M. Early Worship Service and
Communion — Church
Sanctuary
- 9:00 A.M. Church School for all ages,
Educational Building and Fel-
lowship Hall
- 9:50 A.M. Worship and Communion —
Church Sanctuary
- (Nursery for children: Infants and Chil-
dren through 5 years)

YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	264
Church School Attendance	203
Church School Offering	53.13
Regular Church Offering	505.62
Building Fund Offering	226.75
TOTAL GIVING	\$790.50

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Granting that it is possible to worship
God in the woods and the fields, it is
well to bear in mind that there is a
difference between true worship and just
enjoying the landscape.

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Two men were gazing at Niagara Falls.
One remarked: "The greatest unused
power in the world."

The other replied: "Not so, the greatest
unused power in the world is the Holy
Spirit of the living God".

—W. H. Stewart

PROGRESSIVE CLASS DINNER

The Progressive Class will entertain the
members of the Come-Double Class at a
dinner party on Saturday evening, July 6,
at 6:15 in Fellowship Hall. During the
Easter Season these classes were in con-
test for Church School attendance and the
Progressive Class being the loser are giv-
ing this dinner party for the winner. Mem-
bers of both classes are cordially invited
to come.

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From QUADRENNIAL

A student on Purdue Campus was over-
heard to remark to a fellow student: "What
does the initials CWF stand for?" and the
youth with him replied: "Christ Wants
Females". This may be crudely put, but
how very true.

One of our Conference leaders gave this
interpretation: "Christ's Willing Followers".
Also, very true.

Another story from the Quadrennial . . .
One student remarked to another: "What
is going on; who are all these people?"
The answer: "Disciples of Christ". The first
student: "Are they all women?"

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The C.Y.F. Choir had a fine trip June 15-
16. The weather was rather warm but they
all had a good time and that made up for
it. In fact, some wished it would have
lasted a day or two more. On Saturday
they visited Spring Mill Park and enjoyed
a picnic lunch and then went on to Louis-
ville. Saturday night they were guests
of people of the Shelby Park Methodist
Church, Louisville, where Mr. Wetzel was
choir director and organist for three years
while in College. Sunday morning they
sang a concert for the church and from
all reports it was the best they had sung
this year.

Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. they sang
for the Madison, Indiana Christian Church
and altho there wasn't many in attendance
they all seemed to enjoy the concert im-
mensely. At 6 P.M. they sang at Seymour,
Indiana Christian Church and again the
crowd was small but the choir's spirits
were high and they came through in fine
shape. A snack was served at Seymour
and we were home again a little after
midnight.

Mr. Robert Cocherille added a lot to
our concert both by driving and super-
vision; his introductions to the congrega-
tions, and his fine solos. Thanks, Bob, for
your fine work. Yes, everything was won-
derful. Congratulations CYF Choir for your
fine work this year.

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Number 40

"PARSON TO PERSON"

Dear Friends:

What a wonderful sight it was this past Lord's Day to see some 300 of God's children in the worship service! As summer vacations draw to a close our services grow in numbers and strength. We firmly believe that with God's help we shall soon be seating our people in the narthex because of the overflow crowds. I'd love to be a part of a church where I had to go early to get a seat, wouldn't you? If you are in your place this coming Sunday morning, and if you bring along some neighbor or friend, that will be our problem. But you may be assured, a problem we would certainly enjoy! Help us to grow to S.R.O.!

The Bible School attendance is going up! It was good to see so many of our regulars back in their places, and the vast number of newcomers is a welcome sight. Sunday morning some twenty people signed cards stating that they were prospective members of our great church! If you see a stranger in the Bible School or worship services, please make yourself known to the stranger, and the next time he is there he will know someone in the Church, and it will appear more warm and friendly. Remember, the stranger wants to find first of all FRIENDLINESS as he seeks a new church experience. Be friendly to all our guests, make them want to come back to "the friendliest church in the city."

Our quest is for 400 seekers after God's truth in the Bible School, and at least 500 who come to worship Him regularly. It is impossible without your help!

9:30 A.M. The Church At Study

10:30 A.M. The Church At Worship

Sermon: "FOR WE HAVE THIS TRUST"

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, September 15

ELDERS: David Hogg — Carter D. Palmer

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain,
H-0678.

John F. Hechler

Don J. Eyer

A. Jefferson Young

Farlin F. Edwards

Harold K. Pritchard

Harley E. Meadows

Romane H. Cole

Arza Smith

Merland G. Heller

Melvin Evans

George R. Bruckman

David T. McCrosky

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A. Neil Allen

Laurence Coleman

Solon E. Merriman

Carl H. Thomas

John C. Varner

Richard W. Baker

Wendell C. Glass

Billy O. Heath

DEACONESS for September:

Mrs. Glenn R. Miller

HOSPITALITY Chairman for September:

Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

Beginning Sept. 5

Junior Choir will practice Thursday after-
noons from 4 to 5 P.M.

CYF Choir will practice Thursdays
from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Sanctuary Choir will practice Thursdays
from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

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NURSERY NEEDS

Crackers (Soda crackers preferably) are
needed for the Nursery. Facial Tissues
are also needed.

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YOUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	306
Church School Attendance	265
Church School Offering	63.04
Regular Church Offering	634.57
Building Fund Offering	247.51

TOTAL GIVING \$943.12

SUPPORT YOUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Have you registered for the Cleveland International Convention Assembly, Oct. 11-16? The fee is \$3.00 per person. Each registrant who is unable to attend the Assembly will receive a packet of materials including the Convention Program Booklet; copies of major addresses; copies of the Convention Daily; and a day-to-day news summary of the Convention activities. Disciples should plan to attend the Convention, but if you can't, register anyway.

DISCIPLE MINISTERS TO SPEAK AT CLEVELAND

A host of well-known Disciple ministers will be featured speakers at the Cleveland Convention Assembly, including Franklin H. Minck, minister High Street Christian Church, Akron, and Russell A. Deitch, minister Hampton Park Christian Church, Toledo.

Also included will be Spencer P. Austin, executive secretary Unified Promotions; William D. Hall, professor Brite College of the Bible, T.C.U., W. A. Welsh, minister East Dallas Christian Church, Dallas, Texas; R. L. Jordan, minister United Church, Detroit; Rush M. Deskins, minister First Christian Church, Whittier, Calif.; Arthur Wayne Braden, minister Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Robert G. Nelson, United Christian Missionary Society; Orval D. Peterson, president National Benevolent Association; William T. Pearcy, executive secretary Board of Church Extension; John Rogers, president International Convention, Tulsa, Okla.; and Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary International Convention. These and guest speakers from other communions will highlight the Convention sessions. Plan to hear these outstanding speakers.

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS PROJECT

Plates, showing a picture of our Church building, are being sold by members of the Progressive Class to help the Class treasury. A brief history is on the back of the plates. These are suitable to hang as plaques. You may give your order to any member of the Class. The plates are \$2.00 each, 30c for hangers.

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YOU ASK ME WHY I GO TO CHURCH

(Author Unknown)

You ask me why I go to church?

I give my mind a careful search.

Because—I need to breathe the air where

There's an atmosphere of prayer.

I need the hymns that churches sing—

They set my faith and hope a-wing;

They keep old truths in memory green,
 Reveal the worth of things unseen.
 Because my neighbor needs to go—
 His faith in right is rather low;
 He needs the Church to hold him fast
 To those great truths that always last.
 And when he sees me on my way
 It draws him to the Church to pray,
 And both our hearts are lifted up
 To heavenly places where we sup.
 Because my boy is watching me
 To note whatever he sees
 That tells him what his father thinks
 And with his eager soul he drinks.
 The things I do in daily walk,
 And things I say in daily talk;
 If I with him the Church will share,
 My son will make his friendships there.
 Because the Church builds up the state,
 Breaks down the barriers of hate
 And help to spread unselfish life,
 Allay all bickering and strife;
 Sustains a wholesome public health
 And builds a righteous commonwealth.
 A joyous place in which to live
 With all the blessings God can give,
 I shall not wait for winged words to lift
 my soul to God,
 I shall not wait for organ strains before
 I bow my soul,
 I shall not wait for choral songs before
 I sing His praise.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School CYF Youth had a most enjoyable time last Sunday evening at the home of their Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical. 34 were present. Following the picnic hour an impressive installation service was conducted for the new CYF Officers for 1957-58. President, Susan VanFossen; Vice-Pres. Fred Gudakunst; Secretary, Alice Richard; Treasurer, Ed. Crowell; Worship, Warren Stevenson; Study, Judy Rice; Enlistment, Arlene Smell; Recreation Committee, Arlene Huddleston and Robin Miller; Telephone Committee, Marilyn Stigers, Gloria Grove and John Johnston; UCYM Representatives, Allan Flowers and Merle Rice.

Next Sunday the High School Youth will meet at the church from 5 to 7 P.M. Each will bring a covered dish and table service. Following the meal the worship and discussion period will be held in the Chapel. Warren Stevenson will have charge of worship and Judy Rice will lead the discussion. Her topic will be "Our New National CYF Theme for 1957-58, entitled, "For Us—No Other Way".

The purpose of this meeting is to help our Youth understand the true meaning of this Theme. This will prove a most interesting meeting. Following worship and discussion Arlene Huddleston and Robin Miller will conduct recreation in the Gym.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, September 8, 1957

	Att.	Off.
Babies & Toddlers	7	
Nursery Department	16	1.34
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhousen		
Kindergarten	20	1.71
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Mrs. John King		
Primary Department	26	2.96
Mrs. L. A. Horn		
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	20	1.60
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Mrs. Barbara Raymond		
Upper Junior Department	18	2.53
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	16	1.53
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	29	3.67
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
LaKoda Class	2	1.40
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	39	20.75
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	31	12.50
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	19	5.05
Mrs. Albert Egly		
Ladies Bible Class	6	.75
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship and Com-
munion — Church Sanctuary.
9:30 A.M. Church School for all ages,
Educational Building and Fellowship
Hall.

(Nursery is maintained for children: Infants
and children through 5 years).

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September 17—

Christian Women's Fellowship—8:00 P.M.

September 21-22—

C.Y.F. Youth meet at Barbee Christian
Camp.

September 25—

Congregational Supper Get-together—
6:30 P.M.

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God, looking down, saw an empty pew;
With anxious eyes he searched for you.
Your drowsy voice was heard to say:
"Let's not go to church this gloomy day."
He grieved for others swayed when you
desired

To miss a blessing his love inspired.

—Barbara Drake Johnson

BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY — RAIN OR
SHINE — OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.W.F. regular monthly meeting will
be held Tuesday evening, September 15
at 8:00 o'clock in the Church Parlor. The
Worship and Program will be presented
by the Fellowship Guild. The topic—"The
Quadrennial Assembly—We Were There"
as experienced by Mrs. S. E. Merriman
CWF delegate, Mrs. Charles Dare, Miss
Ethel Shroyer and Mrs. Owen Vaught.
Hospitality by the McGavran Circle, the
refreshments will be served by the Higdon
Circle. Mrs. William Caldwell, President
will preside over a short business session
prior to the program. Also Mrs. Caldwell
will conduct the Executive meeting at 7:15
P.M. in the Chapel.

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The Fort Wayne Council of United
Church Women will hold a Fellowship Tea
on September 30 at First Methodist Church.

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SOMETHING NEW — SERVICES DEPARTMENT

We are often contacted with requests
for names in our membership of people
having various services to offer, such as
Baby sitting, General housework, Practical
Nursing, Vacant apartments, Rooms, etc.

If any member is interested in listing
their name, address, telephone, and Ser-
vice, with the Church Office, we shall be
happy to place their names on file. Please
call H-6222.

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FALL DISTRICT CONVENTION of Christian Churches

The Fall District Convention for District
One will be held at the Saturn Christian
Church, Sunday, October 6. TWO SES-
SIONS: 2:30 and 7:00 P.M. Theme: "In-
formed, Concerned, Committed". Plan to
attend. Let First Christian be represented.

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The giving of money is one of the out-
ward and visible signs of the right spirit
moving inwardly in the hearts of the
people who give it.

In this world it is not what we give up
but what we take up, that makes us rich.

—Henry Ward Beecher

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"Sympathy costs nothing," is only a
half-truth. Genuine sympathy always calls
forth service that helps. The Samaritan's
sympathy cost him a part of two days,
time and some money, but it made him
immortal as the world's greatest example
of neighborly sympathy and helpfulness.

—St. Louis Christian Advocate



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WHAT ARE YOU WORTH TO GOD?

Is the Strength He Gave You, the Soul He Created, Being Used to Honor Him?

CHRIST GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU

ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING FOR HIM?

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"PARSON

TO

PERSON"

"How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

—Shakespeare

WHO

MAKES

A CHURCH

A SUCCESS?

Dear Friends:

Even though my typewriter is an old model, it works quite well except for one or two keys. I have wished many times that it worked perfectly. It is true that there are forty-six keys that function well enough, but just one key not working makes the difference.

Sometimes it seems to me that our church is somewhat like my typewriter — not all the people are working properly. You may say to yourself, "Well, I am only one person. I won't make or break the church." But it does make a difference because a church to be effective needs the active participation of every person. So, the next time you think you are only one person and that your efforts are not counted, remember my typewriter and say to yourself, "I am a key person in the congregation, and I am needed very much."

ONE KEY DOES MAKE A WHOLE OF A DIFFERENCE — SO DO YOU!

TITHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

What, then shall we say of Jesus' attitude towards tithing? Nowhere in the Gospels do we find Him either condemning or defending it. To be sure, the Pharisees criticized Him severely for breaking the laws of the Sabbath. Whereas these acts of mercy violated tradition and irritated the accusers, the new principles thus erected were far more demanding than the traditional laws. The same is true of tithing. Our Lord declared that He had come not to destroy the law or the prophets: "I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them."

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."

Tithing was part and parcel of the Jewish law of which Jesus regarded Himself as the fulfillment. That is not to say that Jesus did not go beyond the Jewish law in teaching and in practice. Christ taught principals, not laws; situations, not traditions; love, not duty; service, not slavery; giving, not getting. If our Savior taught the "second mile" principles of life, that raises a question for the Christian steward. How can one go the second mile in Christian stewardship until he has gone the first? The first mile is tithing!

Let's be honest: if the rule of tithing underlies the stewardship of the Old Testament, which is but the prelude to the New, how much more is required of the follower of Jesus! Jesus never lowered the Old Testament standards; he raised them. He was the perfect steward. Jesus was not a ten-per-center. He was a one-hundred-per center!

Small wonder God was pleased with Him—Christ gave Himself! And to the Christian there can be but one criterion of stewardship—the Cross!

—From What Are You Worth?

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Existence was given us for action, rather than indolent and aimless contemplation; our worth is determined by the good deeds we do, rather than the fine emotions we feel. They greatly mistake who suppose that God cares for no other pursuit than devotion.

—E. L. Magoon

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The High School Youth of CYF who plan to attend the District Youth Meet at our Barbee Christian Camp site this week-end September 21-22, will meet at the church PROMPTLY at 7:30 A.M. Saturday morning. Transportation is furnished. Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. at Barbee. West Creighton Christian Church will serve as hosts. The meeting will close on Sunday at 1:15 P.M. with the Friendship Circle. Due to this meeting there will be no CYF hour at the Church Sunday evening. Those who will be representing the Youth at First Christian are: The Minister, Mr. Wascovich; the Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical and Ann; Marilyn Stigers, Susan Van Fossen, Susan Rousseau, Fred Gudakunst, Daryl Stigers, Michael Young, Dick Skelton, Wendell Rose, Merle Rice, Robin Miller, Robert Young, John Johnston, Arlene Smell, Jan Tollom and Warren Stevenson.

Please note there will be the usual morning Class next Sunday in the Youth Room for those who are unable to attend the Conference at Barbee.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

CLEVELAND, OHIO

CLEVELAND BIBLE LECTURER

Dr. William L. Reed, professor of Old Testament at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., will be the Bible lecturer at this year's Cleveland International Convention Assembly, Oct. 11-16. He will speak four mornings at the Convention on the general theme: "The Bible and Community" speaking specifically on — "Let My People Go" — "You Are My People" — "My People Are Scattered" — and "The Holy People." He will be only one of many outstanding Disciple ministers who will participate in the program. Plan to hear him by registering now for \$3.00.

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A CLEAN ANNOUNCEMENT

DUZ you just DREFT along with the TIDE of unconcern? VEL, now is the time to CHEER up. If you want real JOY, the TREND is for ALL the family to BREEZE right into Sunday School. Hear our S.O.S. Don't let us have to DIAL you this week to have you on hand next Sunday and every Sunday.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Sunday, September 22

ELDERS: David Griggs — Maxwell Smith

DEACONS: Homer H. Stevenson, Captain,

H-0678.

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Don J. Eyer

A. Jefferson Young

Farlin F. Edwards

Harold K. Pritchard

Harley E. Meadows

Romane H. Cole

Arza Smith

Merland G. Heller

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AND STUDY

Church Worship Attendance	310
Church School Attendance	275
Church School Offering	65.15
Regular Church Offering	669.53
Building Fund Offering	303.75

TOTAL GIVING \$1038.43

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, September 15, 1957

	Att.	OH.
Babies & Toddlers	7	
Nursery Department	20	1.53
Mrs. James Hirschy		
Mrs. L. Max Finkhousen		
Kindergarten	22	1.88
Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Mrs. John King		
Primary Department	33	3.18
Mrs. Wm. R. Love		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl		
Mrs. George R. Bruckman		
Mrs. F. Marion Coburn		
Lower Junior Department	14	1.80
Mrs. Wm. Bennett		
Mrs. Barbara Raymond		
Upper Junior Department	21	3.16
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morrolf		
Junior High Department	12	1.65
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	24	3.05
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
LaKoda Class	2	1.50
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	48	24.54
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	28	11.11
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	17	3.00
Mrs. Albert Egly		
Ladies Bible Class	5	.75
Mrs. C. D. Durfee		
Men's Class	14	8.10
Mr. David Hogg		

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September 17—

Christian Women's Fellowship—8:00 P.M.

September 21-22—

C.Y.F. Youth meet at Barbee Christian
Camp.

September 25—

Congregational Supper Get-together—
6:30 P.M.

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The need of the hour is not for parents
who send their children to Sunday School
and Church, but for parents who say,
"Come on, let's go."

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Children are God's apostles, day by day
sent forth to preach of love and hope and
peace.

—James Russell Lowell

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I have often thought what a melancholy
world this would be without children;
and what an inhuman world without the
aged.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge
BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY — RAIN OR
SHINE — OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

The Class will hold a party Saturday
evening, September 21, at 7:00 o'clock
at the Key Lanes Bowling Alleys. Later
in the evening the class will meet at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, 450
Clermont, where refreshments will be
served.

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS PROJECT

Plates, showing a picture of our Church
building, are being sold by members of
the Progressive Class to help the Class
treasury. A brief history is on the back
of the plates. These are suitable to hang
as plaques. You may give your order to
any member of the Class. The plates are
\$2.00 each, 30c for hangers.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Martin Wagner is confined to her
home with a broken arm.

Mrs. David Hogg is convalescing at
home.

Mr. Edw. H. Ashton is slowly improving
following the removal of cataracts.

Richard Cole is coming along fine since
his accident.

Mrs. Dale Hiler has been quite ill at
home, but is recovering slowly.

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Spiritual Power is a force which history
clearly teaches has been the greatest
force in the development of men. Yet we
have been merely playing with it and
have never really studied it as we have
the physical forces. Some day people
will learn that material things do not
bring happiness, and are of little use in
making people creative and powerful.
Then the scientists of the world will turn
their laboratories over to the study of
spiritual forces which have hardly been
scratched.

—Mutual Moments.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

* "It was never loving that emptied
* a heart: nor giving that emptied a
* purse."

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SOMETHING NEW — SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

We are often contacted with requests
for names in our membership of people
having various services to offer, such as:
Baby sitting, General housework, Practical
Nursing, Vacant apartments, Rooms, etc.

If any member is interested in listing
their name, address, telephone, and Ser-
vice, with the Church Office, we shall be
happy to place their names on file. Please
call H-6222.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 15

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A PLACE FOR ALL

There's a place for every member of the family in our Sunday School:

FATHER

MOTHER

SISTER

BROTHER



NINETY DAYS OF SHARING

Most of us daily enjoy liberties which have been bought at the cost of martyr's blood. We drink each day from wells we did not dig; we live by liberties we did not win; are protected by institutions we have not set up! We live in cities which we did not build, and our children go to schools we did not erect.

The theme of millions of lives is let someone else do the work, pay the bills, run the nation, carry on the work of keeping the peace, etc.

The Christian lives by the theme—I care and therefore I will share! Sharing the work of the Kingdom of God is essential if we are to truly be Christian. No one else in all the world can carry out your responsibility to God. No one else in the world can give your share of invested life for the Kingdom of God.

Far too many people are willing to set back and "let George do it," never once realizing that it won't work in the Kingdom of God.

This coming Sunday morning, in the Church School and in Worship, and again on October 6th, the membership will be given an opportunity of sharing in a venture of faith to raise a substantial amount on the Building Fund. All who do not make a commitment in the services will be contacted in their homes. **HELP US CONSERVE TIME AND EFFORT — MAKE YOUR LOYALTY COMMITMENT NOW.**

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CHRIST DEMANDS YOUR LOYALTY

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our High School CYF District Youth Meeting held at Barbee last Saturday and Sunday was a fine success. 96 High School Age Youth were in attendance with their respective Counselors. \$41.32 was received in our Christian World Friendship Fund Offering during the worship service. Our own John Johnston of First Christian was nominated and elected as co-President of the District One Executive Youth Commission. We are very happy to have had him chosen to represent our youth in this office.

The Spring Youth Meet will be held next April and the CYF of Saturn and Laud Churches will serve as hosts.

During the Sunday morning worship service 5 of our youth from First Christian were chosen by the Kendallville representatives to serve during Communion. Robin Miller served as Elder, and Wendell Rose, Fred Gudakunst, Robert Young and Warren Stevenson served as Deacons.

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The High School CYF will meet at the church next Sunday evening, September 29 at 5 P.M. Each youth will bring a covered dish and table service. Following the picnic hour the worship and study periods will be held in the Chapel. The topic for discussion will be "As I Look At Me". The purpose of this meeting is to help each youth to a fuller understanding of himself. After participating in it each youth should be able to judge himself, his own abilities and his own behavior more objectively. This is the first in a series of three discussions to be held. Next Sunday evening the youth will hold a discussion on the subject, "As Others Look At Me", and the third topic will be "As God Looks At Me".

This promises to be a most inspiring discussion and a good attendance is expected.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The transaction of significant Christian business matters of our Disciples of Christ churches—including reports from brotherhood agencies and timely resolutions—will be part of the International Convention Assembly at Cleveland, Oct. 11-16. Business sessions are important to program of the local church and are equally important to the brotherhood at our Annual Assemblies. The Convention will also include an experiment of five World Outreach Breakfasts to be held three mornings of the Convention. Areas to be included are Latin America, Africa, Asia, American Missions, and Ecumenical World Service. Plan to attend these sessions as well as the general speaking sessions.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Harold W. Crowder, 447 Lenox Ave., Wednesday evening, October 2, at 7:30.

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The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, 5827 Fernwood Drive Wednesday afternoon, October 2, at 1:00 o'clock.

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The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., Tuesday, October 1, at 2:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Devotions by Mrs. H. F. Love.

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The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Chas. E. Fuchshuber, 508 Lavina St., Thursday evening, October 3rd, at 7:30 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Gerald Elser, Program by Mrs. Ernest Kattas.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. L. M. Culbertson, 3702 Hiawatha Tuesday evening, October 1st, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Robert Keithley will serve as co hostess.

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WORLD CALL

Those wishing to subscribe to the World Call, our Brotherhood magazine, or to renew their subscription, please call Mrs. Wm. R. Love, CWF World Call Secretary H-1615.

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FELLOWSHIP TEA

The Fort Wayne Council of United Church Women cordially invite all women of this church to a Fellowship Tea to be held in First Methodist Church, Monday September 30. The topic for the program is, "Free Schools". Mr. A. T. Lindlev, Supt. Fort Wayne Public Schools, Mr. Hugh D. Rice, Princ. James Smart School, Mrs. Fred Feinstel, president. P.T.A. Council and Mr. William Watson, Central High School, will make up the panel. Co-operating on the Women's panel are: Mrs. James Babbitt, Mrs. J. R. Sandy, Miss Eva McKinnie and Mrs. Charles Lee. Mrs. Thomas Popp will serve as Moderator. The Central High School Choir will bring special music. Women of First Christian—let us have a large representation!

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FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood on Friday evening, October 4 at 8 P.M.

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Building Fund Offering	151.75

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Babies & Toddlers	8	
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Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen		
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Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe		
Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock		
Mrs. Ernest Pond		
Mrs. John King		
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Mrs. Barbara Raymond		
Upper Junior Department	19	1.36
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull		
Mrs. Harold Crowder		
Mrs. Garland Morroll		
Junior High Department	11	1.30
Mr. Myron Cole		
High School Department	4	
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical		
Mr. Donald Wasson		
Mr. Harry Harman		
Miss Susan VanFossen		
LaKoda Class	—	
Mr. J. E. Weicker		
Mr. John S. Craig		
Come-Double Class	52	21.37
Mr. Paul Yentes		
Mr. James R. Shockney		
Mrs. Fred Duncan		
Progressive Class	32	13.93
Mr. Hugh D. Rice		
Mrs. E. T. Fusselman		
Mrs. Kenneth Johnston		
Friendly Class	19	6.26
Mrs. Albert Egly		
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various homes.

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OR SHINE — OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY.

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To live with Christ, to fill the mind with
thoughts of Him, to cleanse the emotions
by remembrance of Him, to saturate the
spirit with the recollections of His Spirit,—
that is the indispensable secret of moral
splendor.

—Albert Edward Day.

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To complain that life has no joys while
there is a single creature whom we may
relieve by our bounty, assist by our coun-
sels, or enlive by our presence, is to
lament the loss of that which we possess,
and is just as rational as to die of thirst
with the cup in our hands.

—Fitzosborne.

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I have often thought what a melancholy
world this would be without children;
and what an inhuman world without the
aged.

AMONG OUR SICK

Young James Rick Brickley, son of Mr.
and Mrs. J. Bruce Brickley was in St.
Joseph's hospital. He is now at home.

Mrs. Flora Virts underwent surgery at
St. Joseph's Hospital a week or two ago.
She is improving.

Mrs. Ned Klotz is a patient in Room
417, Lutheran Hospital.

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OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs.
Curtis Herndon in the loss of her dear
husband, last week.

Also, we express heartfelt sympathy to
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hefley in the loss of
their little daughter, Lucy.

We pray God's blessing on these fine
people in the dark day ahead.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

In addition to the many Disciple min-
isters and leaders who will participate in
the International Convention Assembly
scheduled for Cleveland Oct. 11-16, out-
standing representatives of other com-
munities will speak. Among these are
Milburn P. Akers, executive editor Chicago
Sun-Times; Franklin Clark Fry, president
United Lutheran Church; and Bishop
Richard C. Raines, Indiana Conference
Methodist Church. Also scheduled to speak
are two outstanding Disciple women, Mrs.
Marguerite Harmon Bro, editor religious
books Harper and Brothers; and Mrs. Edith
Green, congresswoman from Oregon. Plan
to hear these people at Cleveland. Reg-
ister today for \$3.00.

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NINETY DAYS OF SHARING

The Board of Elders and Deacons has
responded in a grand way to the program
of "Ninety Days of Sharing". Gifts rang-
ing from \$3,000 - 500 - 400 - 300 - 275 -
225 - 200 - 150 - 100 - 75 - 50 - 30 - 25 - 15
have been received! When the leadership
of the Church thus backs its program in
such a fine manner, they have every right
to expect every member to do his share.
Remember, no amount too large, nor too
small.

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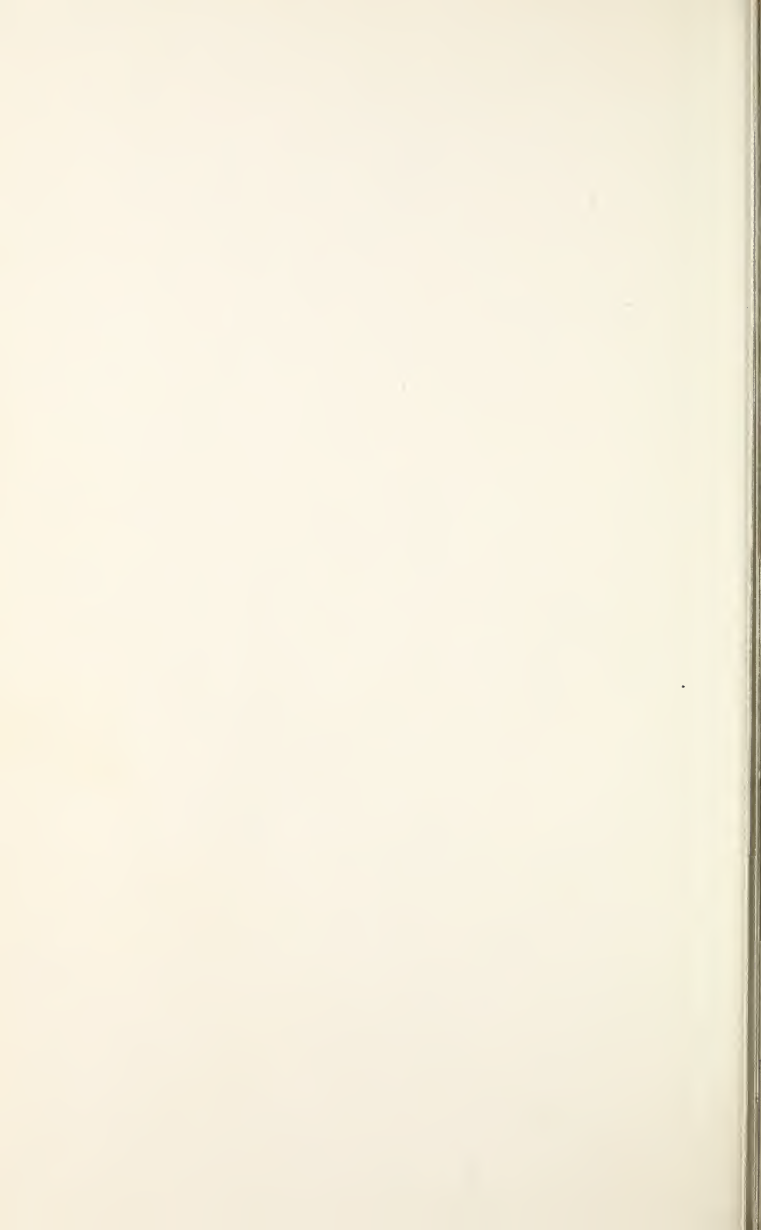
O do not pray for easy lives. Pray to
be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks
equal to your powers. Pray for powers
equal to your task. Then the doing of
your work shall be no miracle. But you
shall be a miracle. Every day you shall
wonder at yourself, at the richness of life
which has come to you by the grace of
God.

—Phillips Brooks

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Life is measured not by accumulation
but by outlay; not by how much saved,
but by how much expended; not by dis-
tance traveled, but by the road taken.





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